

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 6 December 2022

6:30pm

Council Chambers

65 Homebush Road, Strathfield



Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 6 December 2022, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6:31pm

PRESENT: Councillor Matthew Blackmore
Councillor Raj Datta
Councillor Nella Hall
Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran
Councillor Sandy Reddy

STAFF: Michael Mamo, General Manager
Kristy Watts, Director Corporate and Community
Cathy Edwards-Davis, Director, Engineering and Operations
Francis Mangru, Manager, Financial Service and Chief Financial Officer
Kandace Lindeberg, Manager, Planning, Place & Development
Chris Nascimento, Manager, Corporate Services
David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

1. **OPENING:** The Prayer was read.

2. **RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS:** The Recognition was read.

3. **APOLOGIES**

Councillor Karen Pensabene and Councillor Benjamin Cai.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

Dr Hari Kapila, resident of Strathfield Council, addressed the meeting to discuss the Covid-19 safety logo.

Mrs Mariana Emmanuel, resident of Strathfield Council, addressed the meeting to discuss compliance regarding Development Application approval for 38 Myrna Road.

5. **PECUNIARY INTEREST /CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor Hall declared a non-pecuniary, significant conflict of interest for Item *12.1 Traffic Committee Meeting on 15 November 2022 – 6.1 Loftus Lane, Homebush West – Request to convert unrestricted parking to 2P Parking.*

Councillor Blackmore declared a conflict of interest for Item *CCS8 Strathfield Town Centre Master Plan Working Group* a representative is a member of Strathfield Independents the party which am a member of.

Councillor Maheswaran declared a non-pecuniary, non-significant conflict of interest for item *PEI Homebush North Masterplan and Contributions Framework Project.* Councillor Maheswaran had previously worked for a person owning property within the precinct area nearby to the intersection of Underwood Road and Centenary Drive.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 1 November 2022, a copy of which has been furnished to each Councillor, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairman and General Manager be authorised to sign such minutes.

MOTION: (Hall / Reddy)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 1 November 2022, a copy of which has been furnished to each Councillor, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairman and General Manager be authorised to sign such minutes subject to the following amendment:

That the items discussed during Open Forum by Mrs Mariana Emmanuel, Strathfield Council resident be corrected to read:

1. Cooks River Pathway
2. Inability of Council for two years now to change software to include all owners on levy notice
3. Difficulty contacting General Manager of Strathfield Council and receiving no call back or email from General Manager/staff

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Reddy)

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Voting on this item was unanimous

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Nil

8. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT

Nil

9. MAYORAL MINUTE(S) IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

Mayoral Minute 27/22 - Resilient Sydney Mayoral Summit on Affordable Housing was dealt with by Exception.

10. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR (SUBMITTED IN WRITING IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE)

Nil

11. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

Items by Exception - Section 13 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice

256/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That in accordance with Section 13 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice:

1. Council alters the Order of Business in accordance with Clause 8.1, and

2. The items listed below be dealt with by exception and that they be adopted as recommended by a single Motion:

- 9.1 Mayoral Minute 27/22 – Resilient Sydney Mayoral Summit on Affordable Housing
- 12.1 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 15 November 2022
- 12.4 Report from Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting on 22 November 2022
- 13.2 Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee – Councillor Sandy Reddy
- 13.3 Courallie Avenue Parking Ranger Service – Councillor Raj Datta
- GMU3 Statutory Policy Reviews Within 12 Months of Election – Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice
- CCS1 Councillor Workshop 8 November 2022
- CCS2 Councillor Workshop 15 November 2022
- CCS4 Current Status of Council Resolutions
- CCS5 Tenders Advertised and Awarded November 2022
- CCS6 Investment Report – October 2022
- CCS7 Quarterly Budget Review Statement as at 30 September 2022
- CCS9 Local Government Election September 2024
- CCS10 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Membership
- PE7 Planning Agreement Policy
- PE10 Source Separated Metals Collection

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

9.1 **Mayoral Minute 27/22 - Resilient Sydney Mayoral Summit on Affordable Housing**

257/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Council resolve to:

1. Instruct the General Manager to review Council landholdings to identify a site where Council can partner with a community housing provider for the delivery of affordable housing;
2. Investigate how planning controls can be used to increase the amount of affordable housing in the local area, including consideration of how an affordable housing contributions scheme can be implemented;
3. Work with Resilient Sydney to jointly advocate to the Federal and State Governments to establish effective evidence-based policies and programs for the delivery of affordable housing.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

12.1 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 15 November 2022

258/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 15 November 2022 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**12.4 Report from Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting on 22 November 2022**

259/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 22 November 2022 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**13.2 Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee – Councillor Sandy Reddy**

260/22

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SANDY REDDY**Moved by:** (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That Clause 7 of the Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee Terms of Reference be amended to read that the quorum of the Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee meeting will be a minimum of five participating members being two Councillors and three community representatives.

2. That participants may attend and vote by way of audio-visual link.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**13.3 Courallie Avenue Parking Ranger Service – Councillor Raj Datta**

261/22

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RAJ DATTA

Moved by: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the General Manager negotiate an agreement with the Strata Manager and Owners to allow Council to provide a 3-month trial period for a Ranger service to be provided on a cost recovery fee basis in the Courallie Avenue Precinct to enforce parking compliance during agreed peak periods.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

GMU3 Statutory Policy Reviews Within 12 Months of Election - Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice

262/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That the Code of Conduct be adopted under section 440 (7) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
2. That the amended Code of Meeting Practice be placed on exhibition for period of 42 days and be brought to the next Council Meeting for adoption.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS1 Councillor Workshop 8 November 2022

263/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the report be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS2 Councillor Workshop 15 November 2022

264/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the report be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS4 Current Status of Council Resolutions

265/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the report on the current status of Council resolutions be noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**CCS5 Tenders Advertised and Awarded November 2022**

266/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the monthly report of Council tenders advertised and awarded in November 2022 be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**CCS6 Investment Report - October 2022**

267/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the record of cash and investments as of 31 October 2022 be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**CCS7 Quarterly Budget Review Statement as at 30 September 2022**

268/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

1. The Budget Review Statement for quarter ending 30 September 2022 be received and adopted.
2. Council to resolve for the creation of the Internal Reserve for Hudson Park Driving Range to enable further investment into the site and future capital expenditure.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS9 Local Government Election September 2024

269/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Council resolves:

1. Pursuant to Section 296(2) and (3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) (“the Act”) that an election arrangement be entered into by contract for the NSW Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of the Council.
2. Pursuant to Section 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by Section 18, that a Council poll arrangement be entered into by contract for the NSW Electoral Commissioner to administer all Council polls of the Council.
3. Pursuant to Section 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by Section 18, that a constitutional referendum arrangement be entered into by contract for the NSW Electoral Commissioner to administer all constitutional referenda of the Council.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**CCS10 Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Membership**

270/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Council note and endorse the appointment of Ms Catherine O’Mallon as the third Independent Member for the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**PE7 Planning Agreement Policy**

271/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the draft Planning Agreement Policy and accompanying draft Template Planning Agreement and draft Explanatory Note Template be endorsed for public exhibition for a minimum twenty-eight (28) days.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

PE10 Source Separated Metals Collection**272/22****RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Hall)

1. The Council note and receive the report.
2. That Council no longer continue to collect metals through the kerbside clean up service on the current arrangement.
3. That Council investigate contract options through SSROC to allow us to separately collect metals through our kerbside clean up service and investigate relevant feasible options for separate collection of other items.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES****12.2 Report from Wellbeing Advisory Committee Meeting on 2 November 2022****RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Wellbeing Advisory Committee Meeting held on 2 November 2022 be noted and the recommendations adopted.

MOTION: (Hall / Reddy)

That the Minutes of the Wellbeing Advisory Committee Meeting held on 2 November 2022 be noted.

273/22**RESOLVED:** (Hall / Reddy)

That the Minutes of the Wellbeing Advisory Committee Meeting held on 2 November 2022 be noted.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

12.3 Report from Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting on 9 November 2022

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting held on 9 November 2022 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

MOTION: (Datta / Hall)

1. That the Minutes of the Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting held on 9 November 2022 be noted with an amendment to Item *6.1 Harmony Day*.
 - That Councillor Hall be a stall representative/coordinator for Australian Italian
 - That Councillor Datta be a stall representative/coordinator the Australian Indian
2. That all countries be renamed to read Australian Indian, Australian Chinese, Australian Lebanese, Australian Nepalese and Australian Italian.

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RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

1. That the Minutes of the Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting held on 9 November 2022 be noted with an amendment to Item *6.1 Harmony Day*.
 - That Councillor Hall be a stall representative/coordinator for Australian Italian
 - That Councillor Datta be a stall representative/coordinator the Australian Indian
2. That all countries be renamed to read Australian Indian, Australian Chinese, Australian Lebanese, Australian Nepalese and Australian Italian.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Maheswaran left the meeting, the time being 7:03pm.

Councillor Maheswaran returned to the meeting, the time being 7:06pm.

13. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

- 13.1 Notice of Rescission - Resolution 248/22 - CCS5 Ordinary Council Meeting, Committee and Councillor Workshop Schedule 2023 – Councillor Raj Datta, Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran and Councillor Benjamin Cai

MOVED:

That the resolution for item CCS5 Ordinary Council Meeting, Committee and Councillor Workshop Schedule 2023 from the Ordinary Council Meeting 1 November 2022 below be rescinded:

"248/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

- 1. That the 2023 Ordinary Council Meetings are held at 6:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month except January in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield in accordance with clause 3.1 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice and section 365 of the Local Government Act 1993.*
- 2. That the November Ordinary Council Meeting be moved 14 November 2023.*
- 3. That the October Ordinary Council Meeting be moved to 10 October 2023.*
- 4. That the Committee schedule be received and noted.*
- 5. That Councillor Workshops for 2023 are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:30am and as required by the General Manager with agreement from the Mayor in the Community Meeting Room, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield and by audio visual link.*

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Hall and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillors Datta and Maheswaran"

The Rescission Motion was put.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta, Hall and Maheswaran

Against the Motion: Councillor Reddy

The Mayor declared the Rescission Motion carried.

ALTERNATE MOTION: (Hall / Datta)

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2. That the November Ordinary Council Meeting be moved 14 November 2023.
3. That the October Ordinary Council Meeting be moved to 10 October 2023.

4. That the Committee schedule be received and noted.
5. That Councillor Workshops for 2023 are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 4:30pm and as required by the General Manager with agreement from the Mayor in the Community Meeting Room, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield and by audio visual link.
6. That commencing from February 2023 all Councillors are involved in these committees and that the respective Charters be amended so that meetings commence after 4:30pm.

275/22

RESOLVED: (Hall / Datta)

1. That the 2023 Ordinary Council Meetings are held at 6:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month except January in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield in accordance with clause 3.1 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice and section 365 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
2. That the November Ordinary Council Meeting be moved 14 November 2023.
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6. That commencing from February 2023 all Councillors are involved in these committees and that the respective Charters be amended so that meetings commence after 4:30pm.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta and Hall

Against the Motion: Councillors Maheswaran and Reddy

13.4 Committee Meeting Times – Councillor Raj Datta

MOVED:

That commencing from February 2023, all Council Committee Meeting Charter/Terms of Reference including the Wellbeing Advisory Committee, Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee, Local Economic Development Committee, Audit, Risk and improvement Committee and Strathfield Council Town Centre Master Plan Group be amended so that meetings held during the week commence no earlier than 4:30pm or

at the weekend at a mutually suitable time.

Councillor Datta withdrew his Notice of Motion.

Recommittal – Item 13.2 Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee - Councillor Sandy Reddy

MOTION: (Hall / Reddy)

That Item 13.2 Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee - Councillor Sandy Reddy be recommitted.

For the Motion: Councillor Hall

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta, Maheswaran and Reddy

The Motion was put and **Lost**.

13.5 Speed Bumps and Safety Cameras Courallie Avenue – Councillor Raj Datta

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RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That Council investigate the possibility of installing speed bumps and safety cameras at Courallie Avenue to prevent car racing at night and report to a future Council Meeting findings and cost to install.

For the Motion: Councillors Datta, Hall and Maheswaran

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore and Reddy

13.6 Bus Shelter/Shade at Trinity Junior School - The Boulevarde/Llandilo Avenue – Councillor Raj Datta

MOVED:

That a report be prepared and presented at the February 2023 Council meeting for building a shelter/shade at the bus stop in The Boulevarde, in front of the Trinity Junior School at the intersection Llandilo Avenue.

MOTION: (Datta / Hall)

That a report be prepared and presented at the February 2023 Council meeting for building a shelter/shade at the bus stop in The Boulevarde, in front of the Trinity Junior School at the intersection Llandilo Avenue.

FORESHADOWED MOTION: (Blackmore)

1. That a report be prepared and presented at the February 2023 Council meeting for building a shelter/shade at the bus stop in The Boulevarde, in front of the Trinity Junior School at the intersection Llandilo Avenue.
2. Due to budgetary constraints Council request funding from the Local State Member and Transport for NSW for State Government funding.

The Motion was put.

MOTION: (Datta / Hall)

That a report be prepared and presented at the February 2023 Council meeting for building a shelter/shade at the bus stop in The Boulevarde, in front of the Trinity Junior School at the intersection Llandilo Avenue.

For the Motion: Councillors Datta and Maheswaran

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Hall and Reddy

The Mayor declared the Motion **Lost**.

The Foreshadowed Motion was put.

FORESHADOWED MOTION: (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That a report be prepared and presented at the February 2023 Council meeting for building a shelter/shade at the bus stop in The Boulevarde, in front of the Trinity Junior School at the intersection Llandilo Avenue.
2. Due to budgetary constraints Council request funding from the Local State Member and Transport for NSW for State government funding.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That a report be prepared and presented at the February 2023 Council meeting for building a shelter/shade at the bus stop in The Boulevarde, in front of the Trinity Junior School at the intersection Llandilo Avenue.
2. Due to budgetary constraints Council request funding from the Local State Member and Transport for NSW for State Government funding.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

13.7 Homebush West Community Centre – Councillor Karen Pensabene

MOVED: (Maheswaran / Reddy)

That Council reports to the March 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting:

1. The cost of installing a removable stage and full sound system with big screen access to the Homebush West Community Hall.
2. If funding is approved, what would be the expected timeline for installation.

MOTION: (Maheswaran / Reddy)

That Council reports to the March 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting:

1. The cost of installing a removable stage and full sound system with big screen access to the Homebush West Community Hall.
2. If funding is approved, what would be the expected timeline for installation.

For the Motion: Councillors Datta and Maheswaran

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Hall and Reddy

The Mayor declared the Motion **Lost**.

13.8 USU Picnic Day – Councillor Karen Pensabene

MOVED: (Maheswaran / Datta)

That Council:

1. Directs the General Manager to:
Update the current workplace policy to establish that a day-off for the annual Union Picnic Day will only be afforded to members of the United Services Union, the Local Government Engineers' Union, or the Development and Environmental Professionals' Association, as per the terms of the Local Government (State) Award.
2. Resolves that:
 - a) The provision of a day off for non-union staff of Council for the annual Union Picnic Day has an impact on the budget; and

- b) It is the policy of the Council that a day-off for the annual Union Picnic Day will only be afforded to members of the United Services Union, the Local Government Engineers' Union, or the Development and Environmental Professionals' Association, upon implementation of the revised policy.

Councillor Hall left the meeting, the time being 7:29pm.

Councillor Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 7:31pm.

MOTION: (Maheswaran / Datta)

That Council:

1. Requests the General Manager to:
Update the current workplace policy to establish that a day-off for the annual Union Picnic Day will only be afforded to members of the United Services Union, the Local Government Engineers' Union, or the Development and Environmental Professionals' Association, as per the terms of the Local Government (State) Award.
2. Resolves that:
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RESOLVED: (Maheswaran / Datta)

That Council:

1. Requests the General Manager to:
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 - a) The provision of a day off for non-union staff of Council for the annual Union Picnic Day has an impact on the budget; and
 - b) It is the policy of the Council that a day-off for the annual Union Picnic Day will only be afforded

to members of the United Services Union, the Local Government Engineers' Union, or the Development and Environmental Professionals' Association, upon implementation of the revised policy.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta and Maheswaran

Against the Motion: Councillors Hall and Reddy

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

GMU1 2023-2024 Stronger Together Major Festival Local Council Grants Program

That Council:

1. Accept the 2023-2024 Stronger Together Major Festival Local Government Grant for \$468,000 over two years.
2. Note that this grant requires dollar for dollar funding which, subject to successful sponsorship arrangements will cost Council \$468,000 over a two-year period.
3. Authorise the General Manager to sign the Grant Funding Deed.
4. Provide a budget allocation of \$234,000 per year for 2022-23 and 2023-24 to cover Council's required contribution noting that subject to the final program and associated costings, this amount may be less; for the 2022-23 allocation to be included as part of the Quarter 2 Budget Review. That Council considers reviewing the remainder of the events program this financial year to accommodate this festival.

MOTION: (Reddy / Hall)

That Council:

1. Accept the 2023-2024 Stronger Together Major Festival Local Government Grant for \$468,000 over two years.
2. Note that this grant requires dollar for dollar funding which, subject to successful sponsorship arrangements will cost Council \$468,000 over a two-year period.
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RESOLVED: (Reddy / Hall)

That Council:

1. Accept the 2023-2024 Stronger Together Major Festival Local Government Grant for \$468,000 over two years.
2. Note that this grant requires dollar for dollar funding which, subject to successful sponsorship arrangements will cost Council \$468,000 over a two-year period.
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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

GMU2 Policy Review

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Reddy)

That the following draft policies and strategy be adopted by Council:

1. Draft Community Engagement Strategy
2. Draft Lobbying Policy
3. Draft Licencing and Leasing Policy
4. Draft Records Management Policy
5. Draft Nature Strip Maintenance Policy
6. Draft Library User Conduct Policy
7. Draft Library Public Access to Internet Policy

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

Recommittal – Item GMU3 Statutory Policy Reviews Within 12 Months of Election – Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice

MOTION: (Maheswaran / Datta)

That Item GMU3 Statutory Policy Reviews Within 12 Months of Election – Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice be recommitted.

For the Motion: Councillors Datta and Maheswaran

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Hall and Reddy

The Motion was put and **Lost**.

CCS3 Councillor Workshop 22 November 2022

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and noted.

MOTION: (Hall / Blackmore)

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That Council staff rather than a consultant complete the review of the environment factors for the driving range extended hours as a priority to ensure our community can have access to the extended hours over the holiday period.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Blackmore)

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That Council staff rather than a consultant complete the review of the environment factors for the driving range extended hours as a priority to ensure our community can have access to the extended hours over the holiday period.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

CCS8 Strathfield Town Centre Master Plan Working Group

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse and appoint the Councillors and Representatives listed to the Strathfield Town Centre Master Plan Working Group until the end of Council Term September 2024.
2. Amend the Terms of Reference clauses to the following for the Strathfield Town Centre Master Plan Working Group until the end of Council Term September 2024 to the following:
 - a) “b. Strathfield Director of Planning with the option of one (1) representative from Strathfield Council”
 - b) “c. One (1) representative with option of one (1) listed alternate representative of Burwood Council”
 - c) “g. Representatives that made applications following an Expression of Interest selection process”
 - d) “h. The Mayor of Burwood and Mayor of Canada Bay can participate in the working group as non-voting observers” and that they be sent the Minutes of each meeting.

MOTION: (Datta / Hall)

That Council:

1. Endorse and appoint the Councillors and Representatives listed to the Strathfield Town Centre Master Plan Working Group until the end of Council Term September 2024.
2. Amend the Terms of Reference clauses to the following for the Strathfield Town Centre Master Plan Working Group until the end of Council Term September 2024 to the following:
 - a) “b. Strathfield Director of Planning with the option of 1 rep from Strathfield Council
 - b) “c. One (1) representative with option of one (1) listed alternate representative of Burwood Council”
 - c) “g. Representatives that made applications following an Expression of Interest selection process”
 - d) “h. The Mayor of Burwood and Mayor of Canada Bay can participate in the working group as non-voting observers” and that they be sent the Minutes of each meeting.
 - e) That all interested Councillors be allowed to attend as observers

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RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

That Council:

1. Endorse and appoint the Councillors and Representatives listed to the Strathfield Town Centre Master Plan Working Group until the end of Council Term September 2024.
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 - c) "g. Representatives that made applications following an Expression of Interest selection process"
 - d) "h. The Mayor of Burwood and Mayor of Canada Bay can participate in the working group as non-voting observers" and that they be sent the Minutes of each meeting.
 - e) That all interested Councillors be allowed to attend as observers

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

CCS11 Surplus Gift Cards - Proposed Use of Funds

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approve the disbursement of the gift card funds to a charitable organisation.
2. Select a charitable organisations in the local area from the list of four organisations nominated in the report.

Councillor Maheswaran left the meeting, the time being 8:01pm.

Councillor Maheswaran returned to the meeting, the time being 8:01pm.

MOTION: (Hall / Reddy)

That Council:

1. That the 19 \$100 and 13 \$50 cards be distributed to local churches within the Strathfield LGA.

2. That the remaining cards be equally distributed amongst the three local charities:
 - a. The Sri Karphaga Vinayaker Temple, Homebush West
 - b. Intercession of the Holy Virgin, Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Strathfield
 - c. Karma Kitchen Hindu Council of Australia, Homebush

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Reddy)

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2. That the remaining cards be equally distributed amongst the three local charities:
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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta, Hall and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillor Maheswaran

CCS12 Proposed Consultation for changes to Council's rating structure included a proposed Special Rate Variation (SRV) for Long Term Financial Sustainability

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopt the updated Asset Management Policy and Asset Management Strategy.
2. Undertake community consultation on the proposed Special Rate Variation (SRV) options and implementation of minimum rates, including proposed changes to the rating structure and domestic waste management charges (DWMC), as detailed in the report and attachments, from 7 December 2022 to 31 January 2023.
3. Place the updated draft Delivery Program/Operational Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) attached to the report on public exhibition from 7 December 2022 to 31 January 2023.
4. Receive a report on the outcomes and feedback from the community engagement on the proposed SRV and the exhibition of the updated draft Delivery Program/Operational Plan and LTFP at an extra-ordinary meeting of Council to be scheduled for 28 February 2023.

MOTION: (Datta / Reddy)

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5. That the General Manager instruct Council's Chief Financial Officer to look further for the removal of non-essential items and report back to a Councillor Workshop and then to the February 2023 Council Meeting.
6. That all Councillors be provided by email with the community consultation brochure tomorrow.

284/22**RESOLVED:** (Datta / Reddy)

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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Hall and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillors Datta and Maheswaran

PEI Homebush North Masterplan and Contributions Framework Project

Councillor Maheswaran left the meeting during discussion of this item, the time being 8:32pm.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council receive and note the content of this report including the number of tender submissions received, financial implications and project timelines.
2. That Council allocates a budget of up to \$2.1 million for the preparation of the North Homebush Master Plan and Contributions framework. The funds are to be allocated from internal borrowings against the deposits, retentions and bonds internal reserve and are to be paid back from future s7.11 administration fees.
3. That Council maintains its commitment to providing the mechanism to achieve its 6-10year housing targets and resolves to prepare a North Homebush Masterplan and grant delegation to the General Manager to appoint the successful tender /consultant subject to a detailed evaluation of the tender submissions.
4. A further report and details be presented to a future Council workshop advising of the successful tender and lead consultant appointed, additional consultants to be utilised, the projects timeframe, key deliverables, and engagement plan as part of the North Homebush Masterplan.
5. That Council resolves to prepare an affordable housing needs study, affordable housing policy and contributions scheme for North Homebush and the wider Strathfield Local Government Area (LGA).
6. That Council resolves to prepare a social and recreation needs study for North Homebush and the wider Strathfield LGA.
7. That Council resolves to undertake a contributions framework review and prepare new contributions

plans for the North Homebush and wider Strathfield LGA.

8. That Council resolves to engage suitably qualified project management and probity consultants for the duration of the North Homebush Masterplan project as part of the tender process and as identified in table 1 of this report.

MOTION: (Datta / Reddy)

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FORESHADOWED MOTION: (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That Council supports the delivery of the PRCUTS in Strathfield LGA and the Delivery of the 6-10 year housing targets in this corridor.

2. That an urgent LEP Workshop be held for Councillors when the new Director of Planning commences.
3. That Strathfield council look at Design Excellence, voluntary Planning Agreements and Stronger Planning controls as a way to deliver quality outcomes in this precinct and the entire LGA.
4. That Council does not support the expenditure in this report except what has been approved and rejects all active tenders.
5. That Council resolves to undertake a contributions framework review and prepare new contributions plans for the North Homebush and wider Strathfield LGA.

The Motion was put.

MOTION: (Datta / Reddy)

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8. That Council resolves to engage suitably qualified project management and probity consultants for the duration of the North Homebush Masterplan project as part of the tender process and as identified in table 1 of this report.

For the Motion: Councillor Datta

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Hall and Reddy

The Mayor declared the Motion **Lost**.

The Foreshadowed Motion was put.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

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2. That an urgent LEP Workshop be held for Councillors when the new Director of Planning commences
3. That Strathfield council look at Design Excellence, voluntary Planning Agreements and Stronger Planning controls as a way to deliver quality outcomes in this precinct and the entire LGA.
4. That Council does not support the expenditure in this report except what has been approved and rejects all active tenders.

5. That Council resolves to undertake a contributions framework review and prepare new contributions plans for the North Homebush and wider Strathfield LGA.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta, Hall and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

PE2 Consideration of Planning Proposals in the North Homebush Precinct

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report on the reasons for considering the planning proposals discussed in items PE3, PE4, PE5 and PE6 of the Council's agenda to not progress to Gateway determination and instead consider the individual Planning Proposals in the precinct as part of the North Homebush Masterplan project.

Note: Item PE2 Consideration of Planning Proposals in the North Homebush Precinct was not considered as there was no Mover for the item.

Adjournment of Meeting

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore)

That the meeting be adjourned for 4 minutes.

PE3 Planning Proposal - PP 2018/2 - 125 Parramatta Road and 52 & 54 Powell Street HOMEBUSH

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council note the recent determination of Council's Planning Proposal (Department Res: PP-2021-3808): for Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2021 by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) on 29 April 2022. As part of the Gateway Determination, Condition 1(e) required the removal of Council's Value Sharing Policy from the SLEP 2021 Planning Proposal.
2. That Council adopt the recommendations of the Strathfield Local Planning Panel (1 September 2022) in relation to this matter, detailed below:
 - i. That the SLPP recommends to Council that it not support the Planning Proposal proceeding to Gateway at this time.
 - ii. The Panel recommends to Council that it expedite a localised strategy for the North Homebush Precinct, which would allow for a holistic review of the recommended PRCUTS heights, FSRs and

allow for application of PRCUTS fine grain design recommendations in a way that considers local context to achieve the best planning and urban design outcomes across the precinct.

- iii. That the Panel recommends to Council that it proceed expeditiously to prepare a comprehensive Contributions scheme that articulates the feasibility of levying affordable housing contributions for any new proposal that results in development uplift of an increase in land value.

MOTION: (Blackmore / Reddy)

That this item be deferred until the February 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Reddy)

That this item be deferred until the February 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta, Hall and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

PE4 Planning Proposal - 11-16 Loftus Crescent, 2 Subway Lane, 5&9-11 Knight Street & 88-92A Parramatta Road, Homebush

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to not support progression of the subject Planning Proposal to the NSW Department of Planning & Environment for Gateway Determination to allow for the site to be considered as part of the North Homebush Masterplan Project and to allow for preparation of a new contributions plan that captures infrastructure and affordable housing requirements that are considerate of the scale and density planned for the North Homebush Precinct.

MOTION: (Datta / Blackmore)

That this item be deferred until the February 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting.

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RESOLVED: (Datta / Blackmore)

That this item be deferred until the February 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta, Hall and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

PE5 Planning Proposal - 17-20 Loftus Crescent, Homebush**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolve to not support progression of the subject Planning Proposal to the NSW Department of Planning & Environment for Gateway Determination to allow for the site to be considered as part of the North Homebush Masterplan Project and to allow for preparation of a new contributions plan that captures infrastructure and affordable housing requirements that are considerate of the scale and density planned for the North Homebush Precinct.

MOTION: Datta / Hall

That this item be deferred until the February 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting.

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RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

That this item be deferred until the February 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta, Hall and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

PE6 Planning Proposal - PP 2019/12 - 200-206 Parramatta Road, Homebush**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolve to not support progression of the subject Planning Proposal to the NSW Department of Planning & Environment for Gateway Determination to allow for the site to be considered as part of the North Homebush Masterplan Project and to allow for the preparation of a new Contributions Plan that captures infrastructure and affordable housing requirements that are considerate of the scale and density planned for the North Homebush Precinct.

MOTION: (Hall / Datta)

That this item be deferred until the February 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Datta)

That this item be deferred until the February 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta, Hall and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

PE8 Strathfield Local Housing Strategy Implementation Delivery Plan

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Reddy)

That Council receive and note Local Housing Strategy Implementation Delivery Plan.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta, Hall and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

PE9 Strathfield Connector Bus Service

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Advise the Community that it is looking to cease the operation of the Strathfield Connector Bus Service as part of a suite of a cost saving initiatives currently under review.
2. Undertake a Community Engagement Program on the proposed cessation of the Strathfield Connector Bus Service.
3. Lobby Transport for NSW to provide improved services for the residents of Homebush and Homebush West, particularly the Courallie Avenue, Telopea and Centenary Park precinct.

MOTION: (Datta / Blackmore)

That Council undertake a community engagement program as part of its cost saving initiative in regard to the ongoing provisions of the connector bus and:

1. Advise the community of the budgeted cost of the Connector Bus Service of \$1.377 million as part of its suite of cost saving initiatives currently under review. That this figure be clearly shown as a cost per residential rate payer.
2. Feedback received from a community engagement survey will be presented to a Councillor Workshop prior to an Ordinary February 2023 Council Meeting.
3. Lobby Transport for NSW to provide improved services for the residents of Homebush and

Homebush West, particularly the Courallie Avenue, Telopea and Centenary Park precinct.

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RESOLVED: (Datta / Blackmore)

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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta, Hall and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

EO1 Street Bin Installation Along The Crescent Between Flemington Station and Hornsey Road

RECOMMENDATION

That Council install one rubbish bin on The Crescent, opposite Eastbourne Road.

MOTION: (Datta / Blackmore)

That Council install one rubbish bin on The Crescent, opposite Eastbourne Road.

For the Motion: Councillor Datta

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Hall and Reddy

The Mayor declared the Motion **Lost**.

15. MATTERS OF URGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 241 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT GENERAL REGULATION, 2005

Nil.

16. CLOSED SESSION

16.1 Closed Session

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That in accordance with Section 10A (2) (d) (ii) of the *Local Government Act 1993* the following matter be considered in Closed Session for the reason stated:

EO1 Telephone Booth Advertising

In accordance with Section 10A (2) (d) (ii) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this matter will be considered in Closed Session as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council.

CCS2 Organisational Review and Proposed Restructure 2022/2023

In accordance with Section 10A (2) (a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this matter will be considered in Closed Session as it relates to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta, Hall and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

The meeting Closed Session at 9:32pm.

The meeting commenced Open Session at 10:54pm.

OPEN COUNCIL RESUMED

15.1 Items EO1 Telephone Booth Advertising and CCS2 Organisational Review and Proposed Restructure 2022/2023

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Blackmore)

That Council proceed as resolved in Closed Session.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Datta, Hall and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10:56pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 7 February 2023.

Chairman _____

General Manager _____