



Council Chambers
2 August 2024

The **3805th MEETING** of **COUNCIL** will be held on Cammeraygal lands at the Council Chambers, North Sydney at **6.30pm** on Monday 12 August 2024. The agenda is as follows.

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TO: The Mayor Zoë Baker, and Councillors Beregi, Bourke, Gibson, Lamb, Lepouris, Mutton, Santer, Spenceley, and Welch

3805th MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 12 AUGUST 2024

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 3804th Council Meeting held on Monday 22 July 2024 be taken as read and confirmed.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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8. MINUTES OF THE MAYOR

8.1 Welcoming Cities

In North Sydney, we celebrate our multicultural and diverse population.

While we celebrate our multiculturalism and diversity, we also recognise the need to continue fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone, particularly migrants, refugees, and people seeking asylum. During the recent community engagement for the Next 10 Years Council consulted on the development of a Social Inclusion Strategy. The Discussion Paper noted that:

Inclusivity is one of the principles of the North Sydney Vision 2040 Community Strategic Plan. This means we value our individual differences - whether they relate to age, ability, income or background - and embrace the diversity of our community and their culture, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and beliefs. We know that an inclusive, diverse North Sydney is stronger, more resilient and a place where people want to live, work and visit.

On 9 August 2024 I met with a representative of Welcoming Cities who issued an invitation to North Sydney Council to join the Welcoming Cities network.

Welcoming Cities, an initiative of Welcoming Australia, is a national network of councils committed to an Australia where everyone can belong and freely participate in social, cultural, economic, and civic life. Welcoming Cities provides a framework and support system to help councils achieve these goals.

There are over 250 member cities worldwide, including 80 in Australia, representing a mix of metropolitan, regional, and remote councils.

Welcoming Cities allows councils to benefit from knowledge sharing, evidence-based research and case studies, and access to frameworks to measure and assess inclusivity. The network also recognises success in members, accredits best practice and facilitates cross-sector partnerships.

There is no cost to join Welcoming Cities.

I therefore recommend:

1. THAT Council becomes a member of the Welcoming Cities network.

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

9.1 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Minutes - 14 June 2024

Report of Ian Curry, Manager Governance

The purpose of this report is to enable Council to consider the Minutes of this Committee as required under the Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee Terms of Reference.

This report presents the decisions of the last meeting of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee held on 14 June 2024 for Council adoption. The minutes are attached for information.

The 14 June 2024 meeting was the first with the new Committee members, appointed by Council in April 2024.

Recommending:

1.THAT the Minutes of the Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee meeting held on 14 June 2024 be endorsed.

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

10.1 Expenses and Facilities for the Mayor and Councillors

Report of Ian Curry, Manager Governance, and Ian Robertson, Service Unit Manager Corporate Governance

The purpose of this report is to propose the adoption of an amended *Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy*.

Under section 252 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act), a Councillor Expenses and Facilities policy must be adopted within 12 months of the commencement of a new term.

The current policy was approved by Council in 2022.

The attached draft policy was updated and placed on public consultation prior to the Council elections in September 2024. No significant submissions were received.

The report recommends adoption of the amended Policy.

Recommending:

1. THAT Council adopt the attached amended Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy.

10.2 2024 Council Meeting Schedule - proposed amendment

Report of Ian Curry, Manager Governance

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Council to remove the 9 September 2024 Council meeting from the adopted schedule.

The Local Government Act prescribes that councils are required to meet at least 10 times each year, each time in a different month.

In September 2023, Council adopted a schedule for Council meetings in 2024.

Based upon the adopted schedule, a meeting is scheduled for 9 September, the week of the Local Government elections.

Recommending:

1. THAT the 2024 meeting schedule be amended to remove the 9 September Council meeting.

10.3 Recognition - Freddie Lane

Report of Ian Hoskins, Council Historian, and Jenny Cheeseman, Arts and Culture Coordinator

The purpose of this report is to respond to a Council resolution of 24 June 2024, seeking information on an appropriate acknowledgement of Freddie Lane (deceased), Olympic gold medal swimmer and Cremorne resident.

Freddie Lane was the first Australian swimmer to win an Olympic gold medal, at the 1900 Paris Olympics.

Lane moved to Cremorne Point in 1912 and initiated the construction of a harbour pool that would become known as the Maccallum Pool, after Hugh Maccallum, who was recognised in a 1933 plaque as the primary figure behind the pool's success.

It is not appropriate to write Hugh Maccallum's name out of history, therefore the request to rename the Maccallum Pool is not recommended, however commemorating Freddie Lane offers an opportunity to consider how to remember the exploits of other swimming champions with connections to North Sydney.

North Sydney has a remarkable place in the history of Australian swimming, as home to both the famous Lavender Bay Baths and North Sydney Olympic Pool. Eighty-four world records were broken at the pool.

The 90th anniversary of the North Sydney Olympic Pool in 2026 is an opportune moment to commemorate those champions in the form of a creative installation at the newly refurbished pool.

Recommending:

1. THAT Freddie Lane be one of the swimmers acknowledged as part of a new artwork that celebrates North Sydney's historic association with Australian competitive swimming, and that the artwork be located outside the North Sydney Olympic Pool, to be unveiled to coincide with the Pool's 90th anniversary in 2026.

10.4 State Significant Development Submission - Walker Street, North Sydney

Report of Jim Davies, Executive Assessment Planner

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the submission made to the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure in relation to a State Significant Development Application for a proposed residential development of 228 apartments on the corner of Walker and Hampden Streets, North Sydney.

A State Significant Development Application (SSDA) was lodged on 21 June 2024 with the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure. Council is a major stakeholder. The application is identified as a SSDA by virtue of its value exceeding \$75M.

A submission was made on 1 August 2024 to meet the Department's deadline. It was agreed that a later Council-endorsed submission could be made after the deadline of 1 August.

The SSDA takes advantage of the potential to achieve bonus height and floor space ratio, being 30% more than permitted by the North Sydney LEP 2013, in exchange for the inclusion of 15% affordable rental housing enabled by recent amendments to the SEPP (Housing) 2021, introduced by the NSW Government.

The proposed maximum height is RL 154.1, 4.1% above the maximum permitted by the LEP of RL 148m. This is well below the 30% maximum possible bonus provision enabled by the SEPP (Housing) 2021. The maximum floor space ratio (FSR) bonus of 30% is achieved, which equates to 7.93:1, or 30% above that permitted by the LEP, being 6.1:1.

The submission made by staff has raised the following objections to the proposal:

- the site has already benefited significantly by a recent uplift of height and FSR standards following the completion of a planning study and a parallel Planning Proposal process enabled by the Department of Planning. This represented a very significant increase in height which was underpinned by careful planning and consultation. The increases proposed are unplanned and ad hoc given the comprehensive planning undertaken by Council;
 - the 15-year limit on housing being retained as affordable is most inappropriate, being a temporary solution to what will be an ongoing and growing problem for Sydney, and would allow the affordable housing component to be traded on the open market after that time;
 - the amount of parking proposed is excessive, considering the site is a leisurely walk to both North Sydney railway station and Victoria Cross Metro Station - a "game-changing" transport link for Sydney, according to the NSW Government;
 - the number of cars capable of being parked on the site will increase traffic congestion in the area, exacerbating conditions already expected to worsen due to the Warringah Expressway upgrading and the dramatic growth of new and intensified development occurring in the precinct;
 - urban design can be improved for the built form, including an increase of the above-podium setback of Building A, legibility of entries, reconsideration of the porte cochere off Walker Street, and providing equitable access to recreation facilities for the affordable housing;
 - the clear difference in design approach between the build to rent and market-based housing, defining the former as a clear poor cousin to the latter;
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- the design quality of Building A compared to Building B1, in terms of detailing, finish, materials, and potentially environmental performance should be improved;
- potential access difficulties for service (e.g., garbage collection) and emergency service vehicles etc.;
- reduction of on-street parking and potential traffic flow inefficiencies;
- the green travel plan submitted is inadequate and does not take full account of all public transport facilities and the evolving active transport network;
- waste management arrangements do not comply with Council DCP requirements.
- the loss of 33 mature trees cannot be supported;
- the submitted arboriculture report fails to address the impacts of the loss of existing trees, tree canopy pruning, and the impacts thereof; and
- no apparent assessment of the impact of the proposal on existing wildlife.

Before preparing this report, the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure were approached, and advised that no extension would be granted to enable the Council to consider this proposal prior to deadline. A submission detailing the issues described throughout this report was therefore made by the Director Planning and Environment on 1 August 2024.

Recommending:

- 1. THAT** Council endorse the submission made to the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure as attached to this report and consider any additions or amendments it considers are warranted.
- 2. THAT** Council staff forward the endorsed submission (or supplementary submission) to the Department as soon as possible after Council's consideration.

10.5 Advertising on Council Infrastructure - Citizen Jury

Report of Neal McCarry, Service Unit Manager Strategic Planning, and Jennie Walker, Service Unit Manager Customer and Communications

The purpose of this report is to respond to a Council resolution, to investigate the feasibility of Council hosting a citizen jury to assist with the issue of using Council infrastructure and land for third party advertising.

A citizen jury is a panel made up of a randomly selected and demographically diverse group of people (Jurors) who listen to and examine information on complex issues and assist with decision making by providing recommendations.

A citizen jury can vary in size but is generally composed of 30 - 45 citizens (selected through categorised random sampling who are representative of the area) who come together to deliberate and find common ground on an issue.

The use of citizen juries is not common in NSW Local Government due largely to the cost and resource requirements. When used, it has typically been focused on high level strategic direction such as long-term city planning or financial sustainability.

The use of citizen juries is consistent with the principles of a participatory democracy and can result in new insights and considerations being available to help elected decision-makers make more informed decisions.

The formulation of a citizen jury, on the single issue of advertising signage alone, is not considered feasible given the resource and finance cost. Council should consider its broader engagement priorities prior to making a high value engagement investment.

A broader investigation, to explore a policy and criteria around the potential development of a citizen jury and other in-depth community consultation techniques as part of future community engagement on wider policy issues, is recommended.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** Council receive and note the report.
2. **THAT** a citizen jury, on the issue of third-party advertising on Council infrastructure, not be progressed at this time.
3. **THAT**, as part of the next review of Council's Community Engagement Strategy, the inclusion of citizen jury as part of future community engagement be explored.

10.6 West Street Stage 2 - cycling, walking, and streetscape upgrades - Outcomes report

Report of Max White, Sustainable Transport Project Coordinator

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the outcome of the community consultation process for the proposed design for Stage 2 - West Street Cycling, Walking, and Streetscape Upgrades.

The West Street Cycling, Walking, and Streetscape Upgrades - Stage 2 proposal aims to improve active transport infrastructure along West Street, from Ridge Street in North Sydney to Amhurst Street in Cammeray. This route is a key initiative within Council's adopted North Sydney Integrated Cycling Strategy (2014).

Public consultation was conducted from 5 December 2023 to 3 March 2024. 271 submissions were received. Most of the feedback (75%) was supportive of the proposed design. Minor design adjustments were made in response to feedback provided from the consultation.

The proposed upgrades would provide significant benefits to the community by improving connectivity, safety, and the overall streetscape amenity.

The project aligns with broader strategic objectives to promote sustainable transport and improve urban environments in North Sydney as outlined in the adopted North Sydney Integrated Cycling Strategy (2014).

Recommending:

1. **THAT** Council note the outcomes of the community consultation undertaken in relation to the proposed designs for the West Street Cycleway - Stage 2.
2. **THAT** Council endorse the proposed design amendments to the West Street Stage 2 designs adopted in response to community consultation submissions for, as follows:
 - a) Honeycomb line-marking to be marked at the beginning of the share path, near to the West Street and Amhurst Street intersection.
 - b) The installation of wayfinding signage at the intersection of Huntington Street and West Street, & Mathew Street and Atchison Street directing cyclists around St Thomas Rest Park.
 - c) The provision of a pedestrian crossing across West Street north of Metcalfe Street with the loss of one additional parking space from the consulted designs.
 - d) The reallocation of kerbspace on the eastern side of West Street south of Falcon Street from "No Stopping 6:30am-9:30am Mon-Fri" and "2P 9:30am-6pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 21" to "No Stopping 6:30am-9:30am "3:30pm-6:30pm Mon-Fri" and "2P 9:30am-3:30pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area

21” to improve intersection performance. This will result in the loss of 5 additional parking spaces during weekday evening peak hours.

3. THAT Council note that the final design for the West Street Cycleway – Stage 2 will be referred to the North Sydney Local Traffic Committee for endorsement.

4. THAT Council continue to advocate and seek funding opportunities to progress the delivery of the West Street Cycleway – Stage 2 project.

10.7 Outdoor Dining and Goods on Footpath Policy

Report of Alistair White, Commercial Property Specialist

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the outcomes of the public exhibition for the proposed amendments to the *Outdoor Dining and Display of Goods on the Footpath Policy* and its accompanying *Guidelines*, and to seek adoption of the policy. Council endorsed the amended *Outdoor Dining and Display of Goods on the Footpath Policy* and *Guidelines* at its meeting of 11 March 2024 and the public exhibition of the policy.

The public exhibition of the policy has now been undertaken. This report summarises the public exhibition statistics and submissions from the public and seeks formal adoption of the policy.

Recommending:

1. THAT the Council adopt the amended *Outdoor Dining and Display of Goods on the Footpath Policy* and *Guidelines*.

10.8 Sunset Cinema - 2024/25 Venue Hire Agreement for North Sydney Oval

Report of Duncan Rennie, Service Unit Manager Leisure and Aquatics

The purpose of this report is to seek Council’s endorsement of a Heads of Agreement which will form the Venue Hire Agreement for MMR Entertainment Pty Ltd (“Sunset Cinema”) to operate at North Sydney Oval during 2024/25.

Sunset Cinema (previously Starlight Cinema) has operated at North Sydney Oval (NSO) for almost 25 years, traditionally operating under a Venue Hire Agreement (VHA).

Under the Sunset Cinema 2024-25 VHA, it is proposed that Sunset Cinema will control all food and beverage (F&B) services for every screening, previously Council-controlled beverage sales. An increased venue hire fee will offset revenue previously generated through beverage sales while also removing certain operational risks.

Recent changes in the agreement for cricketing use of North Sydney Oval means the number of screenings available to Sunset Cinema have increased, which will benefit both Council and Sunset Cinema.

Sunset Cinema have proposed providing Council with 100 general admission tickets (to be distributed at Council's discretion), in addition to a 90-second pre-show advertisement at every screening.

The proposed 2024-25 Sunset Cinema VHA will provide an improved experience for all patrons, an increased number of screenings, and a better financial result for Council.

Should Council wish to discuss this report it is noted that the attached confidential document includes commercial information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. Further, release of the information 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. As such should this matter be discussed it should be considered in closed session.

Recommending:

1. THAT Council note the contents of this report in relation to the proposed Venue Hire Agreement for the Sunset Cinema to operate at North Sydney Oval during 2024-25.

2. THAT Council resolves 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) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed

(i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it

It is further noted that release of this information 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.

3. THAT Council endorse the proposed terms in the attached Heads of Agreement.

4. THAT Council authorise the CEO to finalise negotiations and enter into a Venue Hire Agreement with Sunset Cinema for the use of North Sydney Oval during 2024/25.

10.9 Schedule of Rates for Civil Works - Tender 1/2024

Report of Jim Moore, Engineering Project Manager, and Sergio Corona, Service Unit Manager Capital Projects and Asset Management

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the outcome of the recent tender (1/2024) for Civil works contractors to form a panel for civil works based on an adopted schedule of rates.

The current panel used for Council's civil works contractors has now expired and Council required to publicly request tenders for contractors interested in undertaking civil work for Council.

In June 2024, council sought tenders from appropriately qualified contractor to for a new Schedule of Rates panel (Contract 1/2024) for civil works.

34 Submissions were received when the tender closed on 3 July 2024.

Submissions were subsequently assessed for conformity against the identified criteria and a shortlisted panel of contractors has now been identified.

Recommending:

1. THAT Council accept the short-list of tenderers as outlined in Attachment 1 this report for Tender 1/2024 – Schedule of Rates Contract for Civil Works.

2. THAT the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to take any necessary action to implement the decision including entering into associated contracts.

3. THAT the Chief Executive Officer is the delegated Authority to negotiate a variance in the annual adjustment of the rates due to unforeseen circumstances that may arise.

4. THAT the Director of Open space and Infrastructure is the delegated Authority to extend the contract options as per clauses in the tender documents.

10.10 Quotation assessment under Contract LGP420(B) Willoughby Road (east side), Crows Nest - paving upgrade

Report of Paul Yang, Engineering Project Manager

Council has elected to use a select tender process for the Willoughby Road (east side) upgrade using two separate packages of work.

Council has used Local Government Procurement (LGP) to procure these works. LGP are a prescribed entity for the purposes of s55 of the Local Government Act 1993.

On 12 July 2024 quotations were requested from five contractors listed on Council's adopted panel. Four submissions were received when tenders closed on 30 July 2024.

Tender submissions were subsequently assessed in accordance with the Criteria outlined with the tender documentation and Council adopted tender assessment methodology.

Recommending:

1. THAT Council accept the quotation of the highest ranked tenderer for Part A of Contract LGP420(B) Willoughby Road, Crows Nest (East side) - Paving Upgrade, as outlined in the confidential attachment to this report.

2. THAT Council accept the quotation of the highest ranked tenderer for Part B of Contract LGP420(B) Willoughby Road, Crows Nest – Road Restoration, as outlined in the confidential attachment to this report.

3. THAT Council approve carry forward unspent funds from 2023/2024 Crows Nest Public Domain Masterplan Implementation budget for the Willoughby Road (east side) upgrade works.

4. THAT the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to take any necessary action to implement the decision including entering into contracts for the engagement of the preferred contractors for Contract LGP420(B) Willoughby Road, Crows Nest (east side) - Paving Upgrade

5. THAT Council resolves 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:

(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business

(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed

(i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it

It is further noted that the release of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as publication of all tendered documents would discourage potential tenderers from submitting commercial information in future and would affect Council's ability to obtain value for money services.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

11.1 Notice of Motion 12/24: Art installation honouring local women - Cr Welch

1. **THAT** Council staff prepare a report, considering the creation of an art installation in the North Sydney Local Government Area to celebrate the contributions of notable and inspiring local women, both past and present.

2. **THAT** the report investigate and highlight the achievements and significance of influential women.

Background

By sharing these local stories, the art installation should enhance the community's experience of the space and foster a sense of community and belonging. Showcasing the inspirational stories of both past and present women of North Sydney, such an art installation would encourage current and future generations to see a place for themselves in North Sydney's community.

11.2 Notice of Motion 13/24: Alcohol-related domestic violence - Cr Santer

1. **THAT** Council, noting the report referred to below on the link between domestic violence, alcohol, and wealth and the relatively higher rate of alcohol-related domestic violence in our LGA, explore appropriate measures for Council to take, to counter such violence.

2. **THAT**, in view of the fact that Council alone cannot address the problem, Council organise a Roundtable Conference in Council Chambers, involving representatives from the NSW State Government, the NSW Police, and appropriate social organisations to discuss the adoption of effective policies to overcome the problem.

Background

On 17 and 18 July, an article and an editorial appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald referring to the incidence of domestic violence in Sydney and pointing out that, contrary to the "popular perception that it only flourishes in low-income households, new statistics show alcohol disproportionately fuels assaults in Sydney's wealthier suburbs".

The Herald also said that one in three recorded domestic assaults with female victims involved alcohol.

Even more importantly for us, the Herald claimed: "The data shows the North Sydney Local Government Area recorded the highest proportion of domestic violence assaults involving alcohol in Sydney, a staggering 45 per cent over the 10-year period to March 2024."

Given the scale of the problem governments at both state and local levels need to adopt effective policies to counteract it.

11.3 Notice of Motion 14/24: Warringah Freeway rooftop park - Cr Santer

1. **THAT** Council, noting the need for more parkland and open space in our LGA, propose that the NSW State Government establish a rooftop park over the Warringah Freeway between Falcon and Ernest Streets to provide a direct link between

Cammeray, Anzac, and St Leonards Parks via Jeaffreson Jackson Reserve and tunnel links under Ernest and Falcon Streets.

Background

The ongoing loss of tree canopy, parkland, and public spaces in our Local Government Area, largely resulting from State Government projects, such as the building of the Warringah Freeway and its current extension to accommodate the new Western Harbour Tunnel, has resulted in a strong and justifiable public backlash because of the loss of these facilities which are vital for our community's wellbeing.

This concern is likely to grow in the future as the State Government's Transport Oriented Development and mid/high rise housing development policies are implemented in our area. Given the billions of dollars that these projects are costing, without the announcement of any accompanying community infrastructure components, it is timely that we approach the State Government to introduce these components.

Among the foremost of these community benefits would be the partial return of the public lands taken from our community for the above-mentioned transport and housing projects, specifically the loss of land in Cammeray, Anzac, and St Leonards Parks.

A rooftop park built above the Warringah Freeway would provide a return linkage between Cammeray and Anzac Parks; and tunnels under Ernest and Falcon streets for pedestrian and cycle use would link these parks with St Leonards Park.

The rooftop park could be incorporated into the new "shared user" bridge and widening of Ernest Street currently being constructed under the Warringah Freeway Upgrade.

The cost of such a project - around \$100 million - for the benefit of the residents of and visitors to our LGA would be small, compared with the cost of the Warringah Freeway Upgrade, a project undertaken for the alleged benefit of private transport users outside our community and at great cost to the local community.

11.4 Notice of Motion 15/24: Student Support - Cr Lamb

1. THAT, as part of the development of the various strategies currently underway, consideration be given to prioritising resources to provide free, safe, and accessible study spaces for students in primary school, high school, and university.

2. THAT the research include:

- a) development of a social media platform to coordinate the location of available study spaces.
- b) a focus on areas with no public libraries, such as Crow's Nest, Kirribilli, Cremorne etc.
- c) the provision of free wi-fi and appropriate amenities.

3. THAT Council researches a strategy to promote student discounts in all cafés and restaurants in the North Sydney local government area, with a focus on locations around existing schools and future study spaces.

Background

North Sydney has an abundance of schools and students yet limited public space for studying. Stanton Library is a brilliant example of providing accessible and quiet study spaces with free Wi-Fi to all students but has limited space to do so.

This Motion is about providing further support to students, to encourage their studying and education in our current Cost-Of-Living Crisis.

12. Matters of Urgency

Nil

13. CLOSURE