

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 5 April 2022

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 5 April 2022, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6:30PM

PRESENT: Councillor Matthew Blackmore
Councillor Karen Pensabene
Councillor Benjamin Cai
Councillor Raj Datta
Councillor Nella Hall
Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran
Councillor Sandy Reddy

STAFF: Brian Barrett, Acting General Manager
Stephen Clements, Deputy CEO, GM Planning, Environment and Urban Services
Melinda Aitkenhead, Director, Corporate and Financial Services
Mary Rawlings, Director, Office of CEO
Francis Mangru, Executive Manager, Financial Services/Chief Financial Officer
Chris Nascimento, Executive Manager, Administration
David McQuade, Governance Manager

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

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

3. **APOLOGIES**

Nil.

4. **PECUNIARY INTEREST /CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil.

5. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 7 March 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: (Datta / Hall)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 7 March 2022 be deferred for consideration until the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held in May 2022.

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RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 7 March 2022 be deferred for consideration until the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held in May 2022.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

6.1 Homebush West Festivals – Councillor Karen Pensabene

That Council acknowledge the Staff and Volunteers who have developed and ran the Strathfield Street Festival 2140 program. This program has been well received by our Community who have enjoyed these local community events.

6.2 Bangladeshi Community Fundraising Efforts – Councillor Raj Datta

On behalf of Council I would like to acknowledge the Bangladeshi Community for their significant efforts in raising money for Kids-On-Wheels which is a Children's Charity that supports wheelchairs for Bengali Children with disability.

6.3 Saish Organisation - Councillor Raj Datta

I would like to acknowledge the Saish Organisation for the Holi celebrations over the past month. These events have provided an opportunity for the community come together to celebrate this important Festival.

Suspension of Standing Orders

MOTION: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Standing Orders be Suspended to allow consideration of the following matter:

Public Address – 12.12 Airey Park Cricket Ground Drainage

- Mr Daryl Chappelow in support of this item

55/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Resumption of Standing Orders

536/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Standing Orders be resumed.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

7. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT

Nil.

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

8.1 Mayoral Minute 4/22 - Review Requirements for Managing Trees on Private Land

547/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore)

1. Undertake a review of Part O of the Strathfield Consolidated Development Control Plan (DCP) 2005, Tree Management, to give consideration to the following factors:
 - The merits of trees that are close (e.g. within 2-4 metres) to a dwelling, related structure, garage or

fence as being considered “Exempt” from the requirements of a Tree Removal or Pruning Application.

- The merits of removing any species of tree on the “Exempt Species” list requiring a Tree Removal Development Application (DA) to remove if over 8 metres in height. (Three species of trees fall within this category currently being Celtis / Hackberry, Camphor Laurel and Silky Oak all considered weed species).
- Assisting the many people who own pools in the Local Government Area (LGA) who have serious issues in relation to leaf litter which pruning or tree removal could assist and with new trees replanted in an alternative location to maintain canopy.
- The requirement to replant mature trees wherever they are approved to be removed on a two to one if not greater basis.
- The merits of providing flexibility in tree removal approvals where mature replacement trees can be specified as a mitigation measure.
- Other best practice tree management practices adopted in LGAs with a similar urban character and tree canopy to the Strathfield LGA.

2. A report be brought back to a future Councillor Workshop prior to a report going to Council.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

8.2 Mayoral Minute 5/22 - Review of Strathfield Connector Bus

58/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore)

That Council:

Conduct a review of the Strathfield Connector Bus Service and prepare a report for the next Ordinary Council Meeting that includes but is not limited to:

- Number of users
- The existing route and which stops are used most frequently
- Any demand or community need that is not being currently serviced
- The possibility of a simplified route with an on-demand component
- Possible promotional activities which need to be conducted to increase usage
- That a report be prepared for the next Ordinary Council Meeting in relation to total operating costs and improvements that can be made to make the service operate more efficiently

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

Against the Motion: Nil

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

Nil.

10. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

11. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

11.1 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 15 March 2022

559/22

RESOLVED: (Reddy / Hall)

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

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

Against the Motion: Nil

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

MOTION: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

In accordance with Section 13 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice I move that:

1. Council alters the Order of Business in accordance with Clause 8.1, and
2. Adopts the following Notice of Motions as recommended by way of a single Motion:
 - 12.1 Resilience NSW and Disaster Recovery Payment
 - 12.4 Park Toilets
 - 12.6 Insecure Jobs
 - 12.7 Council App for Council Services
 - 12.12 Airey Park Cricket Ground DrainageNote: Mr Daryl Chappelow addressed the meeting in support of this item
 - 12.14 Report on Safety and Amenity Works End of The Crescent, Homebush West
 - 12.15 Consultation Process with Businesses within Shopping Precincts
 - 12.18 Clean-up the Strathfield South Town Centre

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

Against the Motion: Nil

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

12.1 Resilience NSW and Disaster Recovery Payment – Councillor Nella Hall

60/22

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NELLA HALL

Moved by: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

1. That Council staff be acknowledged for acting promptly in registering the Strathfield Local Government Area for placement on the list of disaster declared Councils during the current NSW severe weather and flooding from late February 2022. Should Council be successful in being admitted to the "list" of declared Councils affected each adult and child would have access government funding.
2. Should Council be successful in being placed on the list of disaster affected Councils this information be disseminated as quickly as possible to residents.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

12.4 Park Toilets – Councillor Benjamin Cai

60/22

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR BENJAMIN CAI

Moved by: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That a report be provided to the June Council Meeting detailing which Council parks have toilet facilities, which don't, and the criteria used to determine whether toilets will be made available.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

12.6 Insecure Jobs – Councillor Karen Pensabene

60/22

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KAREN PENSABENE

Moved by: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Council write to all local members and candidates for the upcoming election stating:

- That Strathfield Councillors; recognise and support the importance of maintaining Council services by Council workers.
- Maintaining core and valued Council services using local council labour.
- Support Council trainee and apprenticeships to share knowledge in the industry.
- Reject the misuse of labour-hire contractors and casual employment in the Local Government space.
- Avoid the privatisation of valued and reliable Council services.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

12.7 Council App for Council Services – Councillor Sandy Reddy

60/22

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SANDY REDDY

Moved by: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

1. That a report, including costs be provided to the May 2022 Council Meeting on developing and launching a Council app, where local residences can access Council services, keep up to date with upcoming events

and alerts.

2. If there is a predeveloped app with Council, I request that this app be made available for the use of local residences.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

12.12 Airey Park Cricket Ground Drainage – Councillor Raj Datta

Mr Daryl Chappelow addressed the meeting.

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RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RAJ DATTA

Moved by: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That the drainage of the Airey Park cricket ground is reviewed as a matter of urgency and appropriate action is taken to rectify the drainage of the ground and restore the future of the cricket ground as an award-winning asset as it has been in the recent past.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

12.14 Report on Safety and Amenity Works End of The Crescent, Homebush West – Councillor Karen Pensabene

60/22

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KAREN PENSABENE

Moved by: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Council provide to the May Ordinary Council Meeting a report on works to be undertaken to improve the safety and amenity of the pedestrian tunnel at the end of the Crescent, Homebush West, to Richmond Road.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

12.15 Consultation Process with Businesses within Shopping Precincts – Councillor Nella Hall

60/22

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NELLA HALL

Moved by: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Council prepare a report for a consultation process to be conducted with local business owners in the Strathfield, Strathfield South, Homebush, and Homebush West shopping precincts as part of the yearly budget process.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

12.18 Clean-up the Strathfield South Town Centre – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

60/22

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SHARANGAN MAHESWARAN

Moved by: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Council undertake a report and provide Council with a cost estimate to clean up and rejuvenate the Strathfield South town centre.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

12.2 Decorative Planting on Verges – Councillor Nella Hall

MOVED:

That Council provide a report that details a scheme for a variety of suitable plants to be issued to residents wanting to place plants on their verge.

MOTION: (Hall / Datta)

That Council provide a report that details a scheme for a variety of suitable plants to be issued to residents wanting to place plants on their verge.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Cai and Hall

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

The Mayor declared the Motion **Lost**.

12.3 Traffic - Hillcrest Avenue, South Strathfield – Councillor Benjamin Cai

MOVED:

That a report be provided to the June Council Meeting outlining potential solutions to traffic volumes at school pick up and drop off times in Hillcrest Avenue, South Strathfield.

MOTION: (Cai / Hall)

That a report be provided to the June Traffic Committee Meeting outlining potential solutions to traffic volumes at school pick up and drop off times in Hillcrest Avenue, South Strathfield.

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RESOLVED: (Cai / Hall)

That a report be provided to the June Traffic Committee Meeting outlining potential solutions to traffic volumes at school pick up and drop off times in Hillcrest Avenue, South Strathfield.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.5 Chain of Ponds Reserve, Cave Road, South Strathfield – Councillor Benjamin Cai

582/22

RESOLVED: (Cai / Datta)

That a report be provided to the June Council Meeting detailing why barbeque facilities were not installed at Chain of Ponds Reserve and options for considering these in the future.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.8 Enhance Coverage of Multicultural Australia in News and Media – Councillor Raj Datta

MOVED:

That Strathfield Council writes to the State Government of NSW and the Federal Government by 30 April 2022, advising them to take appropriate steps to:

- i. Enhance the coverage of News and stories of multicultural Australians on TV and other news media using the legislative process that create binding obligations for both TV and print media to provide equitable coverage of the news and stories of 'Multicultural Australia'.
- ii. Create appropriate training opportunities for people from migrant background to just not only become spokespeople for other migrants, but for all Australians with an equal claim to shape Australia's culture and national debates for the broader Australian community.

MOTION: (Datta / Reddy)

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- ii. Create appropriate training opportunities for people from migrant background to just not only become spokespeople for other migrants, but for all Australians with an equal claim to shape Australia's culture and national debates for the broader Australian community.

For the Motion: Councillors Cai and Datta

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Hall, Pensabene, Maheswaran and Reddy

The Mayor declared the Motion **Lost**.

12.9 Diversity in the Workplace – Councillor Raj Datta

Councillor Maheswaran left the meeting during discussion of this item, the time being 7:35pm.

Councillor Pensabene left the meeting the during discussion of this item, time being 7:35pm.

MOVED:

That Strathfield Council writes to the State Government of NSW and the Federal Government by 30 April 2022, advising them to take appropriate legislative steps to:

- Ensure both government and non-government organisations set racial diversity hiring targets and make them public to show they are seriously committed to tackling racism.
- Encourage corporate leaders to be brave enough to speak directly about workplace racism instead of relying on fuzzy terms such as “harmony” and “cultural inclusion”.
- Implement fitting changes to motivate hiring managers to look for “cultural add” rather than “cultural fit” when assessing candidates.

MOTION: (Datta / Reddy)

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- Implement fitting changes to motivate hiring managers to look for “cultural add” rather than “cultural fit” when assessing candidates.

For the Motion: Councillors Cai and Datta

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Hall and Reddy

The Mayor declared the Motion **Lost**.

Councillor Maheswaran returned to the meeting, the time being 7:43pm.

Councillor Pensabene returned to the meeting, the time being 7:43pm.

12.10 Flood and Fire Risks to be Considered Before Selecting Areas to Build New Homes – Councillor Raj Datta

MOVED:

That Strathfield Council writes to the State Government of NSW that the Strathfield Council recommends that:

Risks of floods and fires of an area is taken into account for selecting areas before building new homes.

MOTION: (Datta / Reddy)

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For the Motion: Councillor Datta

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

The Mayor declared the Motion **Lost**.

12.11 Garbage Collection Lead Times and Illegal Dumping – Councillor Raj Datta

MOVED:

1. That Strathfield Council takes appropriate action to reduce the lead time for garbage collection/cleaning to no more than a week once a request is lodged through the on-line service.
2. That camera(s) be installed in some key areas to identify any illegal dumping and catch miscreants for taking appropriate action.

MOTION: (Datta / Reddy)

That Council seeks a report addressing the following:

1. That Strathfield Council takes appropriate action to reduce the lead time for garbage collection/cleaning to be prioritised through the on-line service by residents who are moving out.
2. That camera(s) be installed in some key areas to identify any illegal dumping and catch miscreants for taking appropriate action.

FORESHADOWED MOTION: (Hall)

1. That Strathfield Council takes appropriate action to reduce the lead time for garbage collection/cleaning to no more than a week once a request is lodged through the on-line service on a case by case basis.
2. That camera/s be installed in some key areas to identify any illegal dumping and catch miscreants for taking appropriate action.
3. Prepare a report to include the costs.

Councillor Hall left the meeting during discussion of this item, the time being 8:10pm.

The Motion was put.

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RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That Council seeks a report addressing the following:

1. That Strathfield Council takes appropriate action to reduce the lead time for garbage collection/cleaning to be prioritised through the on-line service by residents who are moving out.
2. That camera(s) be installed in some key areas to identify any illegal dumping and catch miscreants for taking appropriate action.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

The Mayor declared the Motion **Carried**.

The Foreshadowed Motion was **Lost**.

12.13 Statement of the Heart – Councillor Karen Pensabene

Councillor Hall returned to the meeting during discussion of this item, the time being 8:12pm.

64/22

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That the Mayor write to all elected Local, State and Federal representatives, Aboriginal Land Councils and Local Dharug organisations on behalf of Strathfield Council to express our support for a proposed national referendum.

This referendum formally recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution and the key principles of the 'Uluru Statement from the Heart'.

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Cai, Hall and Reddy

12.16 Improving the Accountability and Transparency of Council – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

MOVED:

That Council's officers draft a policy along the following principles for consideration and adoption by Council at the next Council meeting:

Principle 1. Any person or organisation seeking to lobby Strathfield Council's employees or officers – with respect to a significant development application, a planning proposal, or a significant Council tender, shall be listed on a public register, including the date of the approach, the purpose of the lobbying, the person undertaking the lobbying, and the details of any meeting between Council and the person.

Principle 2. A public register should be established on the Strathfield Council website and updated on a monthly basis.

Principle 3. Wherever possible, meetings with persons lobbying Council regarding a significant development application (regarded as high value), a planning proposal, or a significant Council tender should occur on Council's premises or at the offices or premises of the lobbyist (or their client), during ordinary business hours, and with more than one Council officer/employee present.

Principle 4. The date on which a request for a meeting with Council has been made by a lobbyist for a development application, a planning proposal, or a significant Council tender, shall be listed on the

public register, as well as the date on which any meeting in response to the request occurred.

Principle 5. A formal minute of any meeting with a lobbyist for a development application, a planning proposal, or a significant Council Tender should be taken and made available online. A minute should be kept but not published for a period of time in circumstances where such a minute would prejudice the proper operation of Council, disclose commercial in confidence information, or otherwise not be appropriate.

Principle 6. Prior to a person (or a person acting on the person's behalf) approaching a Councillor in respect of a major development application, a planning proposal, or a significant Council tender, the person should lodge an online form (prepared by Council) setting out the issues to be raised with the Councillor prior to any meeting taking place.

Principle 7. Otherwise adopt the ICAC's Guide for Councillors, constituents and other interest parties (August 2006) into practical measures to reduce any actual or perceived favourable or unfavourable treatment of persons lobbying Council.

Councillor Cai left the meeting, the time being 8:31pm.

Councillor Cai returned to the meeting, the time being 8:33pm.

MOTION: (Maheswaran / Blackmore)

That Council's officers draft a policy consistent with the following principles for consideration and adoption by Council at the next Council meeting:

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RESOLVED: (Maheswaran / Blackmore)

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.17 Community Advocate - Clarifying Motion 12.14 of the 1 February 2022 Council Meeting – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

66/22

RESOLVED: (Maheswaran / Pensabene)

That Council's officers provide a report on engaging an advocate on behalf of the community to undertake the items set out in item 2 (a) and (b) of the 1 February 2022 motion with relevant experience to represent the views of the community, undertake community consultation, and accurately reflect the communities' views in discussions about future planning.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

CEO1 Council Tenders Advertised and Awarded

67/22

RESOLVED: (Reddy / Pensabene)

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

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CEO2 Recruitment of a New General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoints a Panel to conduct the selection of a new General Manager comprising:

- Councillor Matthew Blackmore (Mayor) Chair of Panel
- Councillor Karen Pensabene (Deputy Mayor)
- Either one or a limited number of other Councillors
- A suitably qualified independent person
- The selected recruitment consultant

MOTION (Reddy / Datta)

That Council appoints a Panel to conduct the selection of a new General Manager comprising:

- Councillor Matthew Blackmore (Mayor) Chair of Panel
- Councillor Karen Pensabene (Deputy Mayor)
- Councillor Raj Datta
- Councillor Benjamin Cai
- A suitably qualified independent person
- The selected recruitment consultant

FORESHADOWED MOTION (Pensabene)

That Council appoints a Panel to conduct the selection of a new General Manager comprising:

- Councillor Matthew Blackmore (Mayor) Chair of Panel
- Councillor Karen Pensabene (Deputy Mayor)
- Councillor Benjamin Cai
- A suitably qualified independent person
- The selected recruitment consultant

The Motion was put.

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RESOLVED: (Reddy / Datta)

That Council appoints a Panel to conduct the selection of a new General Manager comprising:

- Councillor Matthew Blackmore (Mayor) Chair of Panel
- Councillor Karen Pensabene (Deputy Mayor)
- Councillor Raj Datta
- Councillor Benjamin Cai
- A suitably qualified independent person

- The selected recruitment consultant

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Pensabene, Hall and Maheswaran

The Mayor declared to Motion **Carried**.

The Foreshadowed Motion was **Lost**.

CEO3 Use of WestInvest Funding - Leisure Centre

RECOMMENDATION

That Council supports an application to the State Government for the \$21,185,000 million funding granted to Strathfield Council under the WestInvest scheme, to be applied to the construction of the Leisure Centre at Hudson Park.

MOTION: (Reddy / Maheswaran)

That item CEO3 Use of WestInvest Funding – Leisure Centre be deferred for consideration until the end of the meeting in Closed Session as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

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RESOLVED: (Reddy / Maheswaran)

That item CEO3 Use of WestInvest Funding – Leisure Centre be deferred for consideration until the end of the meeting in Closed Session as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CEO4 Draft Media Policy

70/22

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Reddy)

That;

1. Council endorse the Draft Media Policy for public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days.

2. The outcomes of the public exhibition of the draft Strathfield Council Media Policy (draft) be reported to Council.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS1 Investment Report - February 2022

71/22

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Reddy)

That the record of cash investments as at 28 February 2022 be received and noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS2 Current Status of Council Resolutions

72/22

RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

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

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS3 Payment of Councillor Superannuation

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

1. Resolve to pay superannuation contribution payments to all Councillors as per s254B of the *Local Government Act 1993*, commencing 1 July 2022.
2. That the Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy be amended to include superannuation contributions (clause 4.1.5) and a mayoral vehicle (clause 3.2.6) as per draft contained in attachment 1.
3. Amend the Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy be endorsed for public exhibition for a

minimum of 28 days.

4. The outcomes of the public exhibition of the Draft Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy be reported to Council.

MOTION: (Reddy / Datta)

That Council;

1. Resolve to pay superannuation contribution payments to all Councillors as per s254B of the *Local Government Act 1993*, commencing 1 July 2022.
2. That the Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy be amended to include superannuation contributions (clause 4.1.5) and a mayoral vehicle (clause 3.2.6) as per draft contained in attachment 1.
3. That the an additional \$1,500 be allocated per Councillor per year to ICT expenses component of the Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy.
4. Amend the Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy be endorsed for public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days.
5. The outcomes of the public exhibition of the Draft Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy be reported to Council.

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RESOLVED: (Reddy / Datta)

1. Resolve to pay superannuation contribution payments to all Councillors as per s254B of the *Local Government Act 1993*, commencing 1 July 2022.
2. That the Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy be amended to include superannuation contributions (clause 4.1.5) and a mayoral vehicle (clause 3.2.6) as per draft contained in attachment 1.
3. That the an additional \$1,500 be allocated per Councillor per year to ICT expenses component of the Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy.
4. Amend the Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy be endorsed for public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days.
5. The outcomes of the public exhibition of the Draft Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy be reported to Council.

For the Motion:	Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy
Against the Motion:	Nil

CS4 Ordinary Council Meeting and Councillor Workshop Schedule 2022

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Ordinary Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm 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 Councillor Workshops are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 4pm in the Community Meeting Room, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

MOTION (Hall / Pensabene)

1. That Ordinary Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm 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 Councillor Workshops are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 4pm in the Community Meeting Room, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

AMENDMENT (Datta / Cai)

1. That Ordinary Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm 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 Councillor Workshops are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 5.30pm in the Community Meeting Room, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

For the Motion: Councillors Cai, Datta and Hall

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

The Amendment was put and **Lost**.

FURTHER AMENDMENT (Hall / Datta)

1. That Ordinary Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm 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 Councillor Workshops are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 4pm in the Community Meeting Room, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

3. That the October 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting be moved to the 11 October 2022.

For the Motion: Councillors Datta, Hall and Cai

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

The Further Amendment was put and **Lost**.

MOTION (Hall / Pensabene)

1. That Ordinary Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm 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 Councillor Workshops are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 4pm in the Community Meeting Room, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

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RESOLVED (Hall / Pensabene)

1. That Ordinary Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm 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 Councillor Workshops are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 4pm in the Community Meeting Room, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

RECOMMITTAL (Datta / Blackmore)

That Item CS4 Ordinary Council Meeting and Councillor Workshop Schedule 2022 be Recommitted to correct voting on the resolution.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Pensabene)

1. That Ordinary Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm 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 Councillor Workshops are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 4pm in the Community Meeting Room, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillors Cai, Datta and Hall

DEU1 Audit of Redundant Driveways And Kerbs With No Verges

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report.

MOTION: (Pensabene / Reddy)

That the report be resubmitted at a future Council Meeting with more detail in relation to actions Council can take.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Reddy)

That the report be resubmitted at a future Council Meeting with more detail in relation to actions Council can take.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

DEU2 Flyover/Overpass at Arthur Street and Centenary Drive, Homebush West

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report of Arthur Street and Homebush Bay Drive in Homebush West.

MOTION: (Datta / Reddy)

1. That Council receive and note the report of Arthur Street and Homebush Bay Drive in Homebush West.

2. That Councillors be provided with the information previously provided.

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RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

1. That Council receive and note the report of Arthur Street and Homebush Bay Drive in Homebush West.
2. That Councillors be provided with the information previously provided.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

DEU3 Parking and Safety Improvements to Courallie Avenue, Homebush West

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report.

MOTION: (Datta / Reddy)

That item be deferred and referred back to the May 2022 Council Meeting.

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RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That item be deferred and referred back to the May 2022 Council Meeting.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

DEU4 Safe Pedestrian Access at Marlborough Road/Homebush Bay Drive Road to Flemington Market

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report.

MOTION (Maheswaran / Reddy)

That the report be resubmitted with an options paper with respect to external funding sources.

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RESOLVED: (Maheswaran / Reddy)

That the report be resubmitted with an options paper with respect to external funding sources.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

DEU5 Public Space Legacy Program - Hudson Park Stage 2

Councillor Maheswaran left the meeting during discussion of this item, the time being 9:40pm.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes and approves the current plan (attachment 3) for the upgrade of Hudson District Park Phase 2.

MOTION: (Hall / Blackmore)

1. That Council notes and approves Attachment 2 for the upgrade of Hudson District Park Phase 2.
2. That the following items be deleted from the plan:
 - Amphitheatre
 - Grass Sledding Park
 - Featured Water Ponds
 - Concentric/Misting Garden
3. The plan should include more landscaping, Trees, Less Concrete paths, A Children's Play Fountain, BBQ's and Covered Table & Chairs of a suitable size for local families/ Children's birthday parties.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Blackmore)

1. That Council notes and approves Attachment 2 for the upgrade of Hudson District Park Phase 2.
2. That the following items be deleted from the plan:
 - Amphitheatre
 - Grass Sledding Park
 - Featured Water Ponds
 - Concentric/Misting Garden

3. The plan should include more landscaping, Trees, Less Concrete paths, A Children's Play Fountain, BBQ's and Covered Table & Chairs of a suitable size for local families/ Children's birthday parties.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Maheswaran returned to the meeting, the time being 9:44pm.

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

Nil.

15. CLOSED SESSION

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That in accordance with Section 10A(2)(C) of the *Local Government Act 1993* that CEO3 Use of WestInvest Funding - Leisure Centre be considered in Closed Session for the reason stated:

The matter is being considered in Closed Session as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

The meeting commenced Closed Session at 9:47pm.

The meeting commenced Open Session at 10:13pm.

OPEN COUNCIL RESUMED

CEO3 Use of WestInvest Funding - Leisure Centre

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That Council supports an application to the State Government for the \$21,185,000 million funding granted to Strathfield Council under the WestInvest scheme, to be applied to the construction of the Leisure Centre at Hudson Park.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy
Against the Motion: Nil

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10:15PM.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 3 May 2022.

Chairman _____

Acting General Manager _____