

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

# COUNCIL MEETING

## MINUTES

Strathfield Municipal Council

**Tuesday 7 June 2022**

6:30pm

Council Chambers

65 Homebush Road, Strathfield



Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 7 June 2022, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

**COMMENCING:** 6:32pm

**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  
Mary Rawlings, Director, Office of the CEO  
Melinda Aitkenhead, Director - Corporate and Financial Services  
Francis Mangru, Executive Manager, Financial Services/Chief Financial Officer  
Cathy Jones, Executive Manager, Corporate Strategy and Performance  
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.

## **OPEN FORUM**

### **Installation of Lights Along Cooks River**

Mr Jacob Grossbard addressed the meeting to discuss the current installation of lights along the Cooks River. Mr Grossbard raised concerns regarding damage to the environment and the purpose for installing lights.

## 5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

101/22

**RESOLVED:** (Pensabene / Datta)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 3 May 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.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

## 6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### 6.1 Pride Month - Councillor Karen Pensabene

Every year June is Pride month and celebrates the diversity of L.G.B.T.Q.I.A community and we celebrate with this community and would request that Council's Town Hall be light in rainbow colours if possible from next week until the end of June as a show of support.

### 6.2 Reconciliation Week - "*Be Brave. Make Change.*" - Councillor Karen Pensabene

Last week was reconciliation week, this year's theme was "*Be Brave. Make Change.*" and is a challenge to all Australians — individuals, families, communities, organisations and government—to *Be Brave* and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can *Make Change* for the benefit of all Australians.

### 6.3 Ms Sally Sitou - Congratulations - Councillor Pensabene, Councillor Maheswaran and Councillor Datta

That Council acknowledge and congratulate Ms Sally Sitou on her victory the Federal seat of Reid at the recent Federal elections. We look forward to working with Ms Sitou for the benefit of the Strathfield community.

### 6.4 ICAC and Ibis Birds – Councillor Maheswaran

That Council acknowledge both the ICAC and Ibis both do hard work to cleanup the environment and

should be acknowledged by Strathfield Council.

**7. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT**

Nil

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

**8.1 Mayoral Minute 8/22 – Council Property Licenses and Leases Policy**

I Move:

That;

- Council develop a Council Property Licenses and Leases Policy and report back to the July 2022 Council Meeting;
- This policy should include but not be limited to appropriate pricing principles in relation to both commercial rates and community rates and how any discount percentage is calculated for a community rate based on the alignment with our CSP;
- Any Lease or License agreement be the subject to a report to a Council Meeting before any agreement can be executed on behalf of Strathfield Council;
- Any Lease or License agreement approved by Council only be executed by the General Manager and the Mayor;
- Any new delegations include a requirement for the terms of any Lease or License to be reported to a Council Meeting before execution.

**102/22**

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore)

That;

- Council develop a Council Property Licenses and Leases Policy and report back to the July 2022 Council Meeting;
- This policy should include but not be limited to appropriate pricing principles in relation to both commercial rates and community rates and how any discount percentage is calculated for a community rate based on the alignment with our CSP;
- Any Lease or License agreement be the subject to a report to a Council Meeting before any agreement can be executed on behalf of Strathfield Council;
- Any Lease or License agreement approved by Council only be executed by the General Manager and the Mayor;

- Any new delegations include a requirement for the terms of any Lease or License to be reported to a Council Meeting before execution.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

## 8.2 Mayoral Minute 9/22 – Letter of Support – Strathfield Girls High School West Invest Application

I Move:

That Strathfield Council write to the Jason Yat-Sen Li MP State Member for Strathfield and the appropriate NSW Government Minister acknowledging our support for the Strathfield Girls High School WestInvest Application for a school hall.

103/22

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore)

That Strathfield Council write to the Jason Yat-Sen Li MP State Member for Strathfield and the appropriate NSW Government Minister acknowledging our support for the Strathfield Girls High School WestInvest Application for a school hall.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

## 8.3 Mayoral Minute 10/22 – Relaunch Strathfield Land Care Program and National Tree Day

I Move:

That;

- Strathfield Council relaunch our Land Care Program on National Tree Day 31 July 2022 and encourage residents to register for our upcoming Land care programs;
- National Tree Day be held this year at our first Urban Forest at Hudson Park West and that a letter be sent inviting all local residents to this event;
- A report be provided to the July Council Meeting with a program for our Land Care events between July 2022 – June 2023 and a plan to encourage local residents and schools to get involved in the program.

104/22

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore)

That;

- Strathfield Council relaunch our Land Care Program on National Tree Day 31 July 2022 and encourage residents to register for our upcoming Land care programs;
- National Tree Day be held this year at our first Urban Forest at Hudson Park West and that a letter be sent inviting all local residents to this event;
- A report be provided to the July Council Meeting with a program for our Land Care events between July 2022 – June 2023 and a plan to encourage local residents and schools to get involved in the program.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

**8.4 Mayoral Minute 11/22 – PV Narasimha Rao (Rao) Celebration Bust Acceptance**

I Move:

That;

- Strathfield Council accept the offer on behalf of “PV Narasimha Rao (Rao) celebration committee for installation of P V Narasimha Rao Bust/Statue in Strathfield Local Government Area;
- A report be prepared for the July 2022 Workshop for a suitable location in a park to place the bust/statue;
- The Bust be unveiled on Indian Diaspora 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

**105/22**

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore)

That;

- Strathfield Council accept the offer on behalf of “PV Narasimha Rao (Rao) celebration committee for installation of P V Narasimha Rao Bust/Statue in Strathfield Local Government Area;
- A report be prepared for the July 2022 Workshop for a suitable location in a park to place the bust/statue;
- The Bust be unveiled on Indian Diaspora 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

## **8.5 Mayoral Minute 12/22 – Local School Traffic Forum**

I Move:

That Strathfield Council host a Forum with an invitation to all schools within the Local Government Area:

- The forum to discuss traffic issues in our local streets around schools;
- Suggestions to start and finish times to be staggered to help ease the congestion at school pick up and drop off time.

**106/22**

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore)

That Strathfield Council host a Forum with an invitation to all schools within the Local Government Area:

- The forum to discuss traffic issues in our local streets around schools
- Suggestions to start and finish times to be staggered to help ease the congestion at school pick up and drop off time

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)

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

1. Council alters the Order 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:
  - 12.2 Disabled Access to Bark Huts Reserve and Local Government Area Parks - Councillor Nella Hall
  - 12.3 Liverpool Road Tree Planting - Councillor Nella Hall
  - 12.4 Program Upkeep for Parks and Reserves - Councillor Nella Hall
  - 12.8 Parramatta River Catchment Group - Councillor Karen Pensabene
  - CEO3 Council Tenders Advertised and Awarded
  - CS2 Investment Report - April 2022
  - CS3 Current Status of Council Resolutions

- CS4 Draft Investment Policy - Review
- CS5 Undeclaring Special Purpose Business Activity for Financial Year Ending 30 June 2022
- CS6 Mayoral and Councillor Annual Fees
- CS7 Quarterly Budget Review as at 31 March 2022
- CS8 Outcome of Public Exhibition of the Draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy
- CS9 Outcome of the Public Exhibition of the Draft Media Policy
- CS11 Councillor Workshop 17 May 2022
- DEU3 Report on Safety and Amenity Works end of The Crescent, Homebush West
- PPC2 Child Protection Policy
- PPC4 Grass Sledding Area Hudson Park Stage 2

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**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Pensabene)

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

1. Council alters the Order 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:
    - 12.2 Disabled Access to Bark Huts Reserve and Local Government Area Parks - Councillor Nella Hall
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  - DEU3 Report on Safety and Amenity Works end of The Crescent, Homebush West



PPC2 Child Protection Policy

PPC4 Grass Sledding Area Hudson Park Stage 2

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

Against the Motion: Nil

## **12.2 Disabled Access to Bark Huts Reserve and Local Government Area Parks – Councillor Nella Hall**

107/22

### **RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NELLA HALL**

**Moved by:** (Blackmore / Pensabene)

**That:**

1. Council review the disability access for Bark Huts Reserve and report back to Council at the next Workshop.
2. The report look at (but not limited to) the width of the pathway to allow for wheelchair access, the length of the pathway and disable and wheelchair access to the amenities within the park.
3. Council include the upgrade to allow disability access as part of the June 2022 budget.
4. Council prepare a report for a Workshop in October 2022 with a similar review of the parks in the Strathfield Local Government Area which is to include the budget implications.

### ***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

## **12.3 Liverpool Road Tree Planting – Councillor Nella Hall**

107/22

### **RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HALL**

**Moved by:** (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Council write to the Minister for Metropolitan Roads and the RMS to request a program of appropriate trees being planted along the Liverpool Road route from Homebush Road to Braidwood Street.

### ***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**12.4 Program Upkeep for Parks and Reserves – Councillor Nella Hall**

107/22

**RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HALL**

**Moved by:** (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Council provide a report to a Workshop in June 2022 with a timetable and/or program of mowing and up-keeping of the parks and reserves in the Local Government Area.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**12.8 Parramatta River Catchment Group – Councillor Karen Pensabene**

107/22

**RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KAREN PENSABENE**

**Moved by:** (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Strathfield Council re-join the Parramatta River Catchment Group. The fees being \$19,439 should be included in the budget 2022/2023.

- a) That one Councillor who has voting rights be appointed representative to attend the quarterly meeting, and
- b) One alternate be appointed should the appointed representative be unable to attend, and
- c) That Council appoint an officer to attend the general meetings of the group.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**CEO3 Council Tenders Advertised and Awarded**

107/22

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Pensabene)

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

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**CS2 Investment Report - April 2022**

107/22

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That the record of cash investments as at 30 April 2022 be received and noted.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**CS3 Current Status of Council Resolutions**

107/22

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Pensabene)

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

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**CS4 Draft Investment Policy - Review**

107/22

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That the draft Investment Policy (April 2022) be endorsed for public exhibition for a minimum twenty-eight (28) days prior to adoption.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**CS5 Undeclaring Special Purpose Business Activity for Financial Year Ending 30 June 2022**

107/22

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Pensabene)

Council resolves to undeclare the Hudson Park Driving Range as a special purpose business activity for financial year ending 30 June 2022.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**CS6 Mayoral and Councillor Annual Fees**

107/22

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Council, in accordance with Sections 248 and 249 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, determine the annual fees payable to the Councillors and Mayor effective from 1 July 2022 be set at the maximum for a Metropolitan Small Council as per the determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (April 2022) being:

- Councillors \$21,100
- Mayor \$46,010

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**CS7 Quarterly Budget Review as at 31 March 2022**

107/22

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Pensabene)

The Budget Review Statement for quarter ending 31 March 2022 be received and adopted.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**CS8 Outcome of Public Exhibition of the Draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy**

107/22

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Council:

1. Note the outcome of the public exhibition of the draft Strathfield Council Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, April 2022.
2. Adopt the draft Strathfield Council Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, April 2022 (attachment 1).
3. Revoke the Strathfield Council Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, June 2021.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**CS9 Outcome of the Public Exhibition of the Draft Media Policy**

107/22

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Council:

1. Note the outcome of the public exhibition of the draft Strathfield Council Media Policy, April 2022.
2. Adopt the draft Strathfield Council Media Policy, April 2022 (attachment 1).

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**CS11 Councillor Workshop 17 May 2022**

**107/22**

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That the report be received and noted.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**DEU3 Report on Safety and Amenity Works end of The Crescent, Homebush West**

**107/22**

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That the report be received and noted.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**PPC2 Child Protection Policy**

**107/22**

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Pensabene)

1. That Council endorse the draft Child Protection Policy for public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days.
2. That the outcomes of the public exhibition of the draft Strathfield Council Child Protection Policy be reported to Council.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**PPC4 Grass Sledding Area Hudson Park Stage 2**

107/22

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Council retains the grass sledding area as part of the Hudson Park Stage 2 project.

***RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION***

**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 17 May 2022**

108/22

**RESOLVED:** (Pensabene / Reddy)

That the Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting on 17 May 2022 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

**12. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

**12.1 Golf Driving Range Operation – Councillor Benjamin Cai**

109/22

**RESOLVED:** (Cai / Reddy)

That Council seek a report on the costs and benefits of operating the Hudson Park Golf Driving Range in-house versus seeking Expressions of Interest for it to be operated by an external party.

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene and Maheswaran

## **12.5 Delivery Program – Councillor Raj Datta**

**MOTION:** (Datta / Reddy)

1. That the Delivery Program presented before the Council in the May 2022 Council Meeting (Ref CEO1) be presented again before the Council in the July 2022 Council Meeting, including the delivery timeline and budget of each program, as is the standard practice in the corporate sector for delivery of programs and projects and reporting on the delivery.
2. That a dashboard capturing up-to date Delivery performance status of each program/project, against the performance targets of time, cost and quality of respective programs, along with respective RAG statuses, be included in the above mentioned July 2022 report, as is a standard practice in the corporate sector for reporting on project and program delivery.
3. That the dashboard presented clearly documents performance against performance targets for time, cost and quality of each program and that similar reports are presented before the Council every time a report on progress of the Delivery Program is presented before the Council, as is a standard reporting practice in the corporate sector.
4. That the dashboard reports and RAG statuses are prepared in standard format using standard software/templates, meeting corporate standard, so that the dashboards and reports are easily readable by key stakeholders and can be used as a key Governance tool.
5. That the dashboard/reports include estimated budget of each program, money spent on respective projects/programs to date, percentage of budget spent and percentage of completion of respective projects/programs, calculated based on Work Breakdown Structure (WBS).
6. That the principle of 'evidence based reporting' is adopted for all Executive reporting and reporting to the Council so that the principle of 'evidence based decision making' can be adopted in Strathfield Council for governance of its Delivery Program.

For the Motion: Councillors Cai, Datta and Hall

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

The Mayor declared the Motion **Lost**.

**12.6 Flyover/Bypass Across the Intersection of Arthur Street and Homebush Bay Drive – Councillor Raj Datta**

The Mayor ruled the Notice of Motion Out of Order and accordingly ruled the Notice of Motion **lost**.

Councillor Maheswaran left the meeting, the time being 7:19pm.

Councillor Maheswaran returned to the meeting, the time being 7:20pm.

**12.7 Marlborough Road Pedestrian Crossing – Councillor Raj Datta**

MOVED:

That:

1. A plausible action plan be created to follow up on the Motion passed by the Council in the February 2022 meeting, to build a safe pedestrian crossing across the Marlborough Road for the residents of the Courallie Avenue precinct for their safe access to the Flemington market/Flemington station.
2. That the plan be presented before the Council in the July 2022 meeting and the progress on the plan be reported to the Council every 2nd month until the completion of the project.

**MOTION:** (Datta / Reddy)

That:

1. A plausible action plan be created to follow up on the Motion passed by the Council in the February 2022 meeting, to build a safe pedestrian crossing across the Marlborough Road for the residents of the Courallie Avenue precinct for their safe access to the Flemington market/Flemington station.
2. That the plan be presented before the Council in the September 2022 meeting and the progress on the plan be reported to the Council every 2nd month until the completion of the project.
3. That Council write to the newly elected Federal Member for Reid and the State Member for Strathfield to request funding.



**110/22**

**RESOLVED:** (Datta / Reddy)

That:

1. A plausible action plan be created to follow up on the Motion passed by the Council in the February 2022 meeting, to build a safe pedestrian crossing across the Marlborough Road for the residents of the Courallie Avenue precinct for their safe access to the Flemington market/Flemington station.
2. That the plan be presented before the Council in the September 2022 meeting and the progress on the plan be reported to the Council every 2nd month until the completion of the project.
3. That Council write to the newly elected Federal Member for Reid and the State Member for Strathfield to request funding.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

## **12.9 Ibis Birds and Pest Species – Councillor Karen Pensabene**

**MOVED:**

That Council report write to NSW Planning, Industry and Environment, to ask for advice regarding the increased population of Ibis birds including:

- How to control nests?
- How do we advise residents on controlling the nests/numbers?
- As they are a protected species, how does Council control the excrement and mess they cause?

**MOTION:** (Pensabene / Hall)

1. That Council report write to NSW Planning, Industry and Environment and other organisations that may be of use including the Nature Conservation Council, to ask for advice regarding the increased population of Ibis birds and pest species including:
  - How to protect and enhance the habitat for Ibis birds by planning their numbers?
  - How do we advise residents on controlling the nests/numbers on their property?
  - As they are a protected species, how does Council control the excrement and mess they cause?, and

2. The control of invasive species particularly the control of feral cats and foxes, and that a report be produced to Council based on the responses received.

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**RESOLVED:** (Pensabene / Hall)

1. That Council report write to NSW Planning, Industry and Environment and other organisations that may be of use including the Nature Conservation Council, to ask for advice regarding the increased population of Ibis birds and pest species including:
  - How to protect and enhance the habitat for Ibis birds by planning their numbers?
  - How do we advise residents on controlling the nests/numbers on their property?
  - As they are a protected species, how does Council control the excrement and mess they cause?, and
2. The control of invasive species particularly the control of feral cats and foxes, and that a report be produced to Council based on the responses received.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

### **13. GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **CEO1 LGNSW Board Casual Vacancy - Director (Metropolitan/Urban Council)**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council nominates four Councillors as voting delegates for the election to fill a casual vacancy in the Office of Director (Metropolitan/Urban Council) on the Board of Local Government NSW (LGNSW).

##### **MOTION:** (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That the voting delegates for the election to fill a casual vacancy in the Office of Director (Metropolitan/Urban Council) on the Board of Local Government NSW (LGNSW) for Strathfield Council be:

1. Mayor Matthew Blackmore
2. Deputy Mayor Karen Pensabene
3. Councillor Sandy Reddy
4. Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

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**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That the voting delegates for the election to fill a casual vacancy in the Office of Director (Metropolitan/Urban Council) on the Board of Local Government NSW (LGNSW) for Strathfield Council be:

1. Mayor Matthew Blackmore
2. Deputy Mayor Karen Pensabene
3. Councillor Sandy Reddy
4. Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Datta

## CEO2 Hudson Park Amenities Building

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council determine which course of action it wishes to take.

**MOTION:** (Blackmore / Reddy)

That Council undertake the following actions:

1. Proceed with a second Expression Of Interest (EOI)
2. The EOI to specify that its use to be as a Café
3. The EOI to seek an experienced Café Operator
4. That the Community Room be advertised for hire for Celebrations and basic facilities required to do so are provided e.g. tables and chairs
5. That Council does not support the licencing of any area in the Hudson Park Carpark for a Coffee Van

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**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Reddy)

That Council undertake the following actions:

1. Proceed with a second Expression Of Interest (EOI)
2. The EOI to specify that its use to be as a Café
3. The EOI to seek an experienced Café Operator
4. That the Community Room be advertised for hire for Celebrations and basic facilities required to do so are provided e.g. tables and chairs
5. That Council does not support the licencing of any area in the Hudson Park Carpark for a Coffee Van

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

Against the Motion: Nil

**CEO4 Membership of Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Endorse re-joining SSROC at cost of \$75,000 per annum.
2. Appoint the Mayor and nominate an alternate as Council's Representative to represent Strathfield Council at SSROC.
3. Allocate funding for the membership cost as a reoccurring expenditure item in the next Budget review.

**MOTION:** (Pensabene / Reddy)

That Council:

1. Endorse re-joining SSROC at cost of \$75,000 per annum.
2. Appoint the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor as an alternate as Council's Representative to represent Strathfield Council at SSROC.
3. Allocate funding for the membership cost as a reoccurring expenditure item in the next Budget review.
4. That it be noted that Strathfield Council always has a preference for local suppliers within our Local Government Area.

Councillor Cai left the meeting, the time being 7:42pm.

Councillor Cai returned to the meeting, the time being 7:44pm.

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**RESOLVED:** (Pensabene / Reddy)

That Council:

1. Endorse re-joining SSROC at cost of \$75,000 per annum.

2. Appoint the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor as an alternate as Council's Representative to represent Strathfield Council at SSROC.
3. Allocate funding for the membership cost as a reoccurring expenditure item in the next Budget review.
4. That it be noted that Strathfield Council always has a preference for local suppliers within our LGA.

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Hall

#### CEO5 Community Strategic Plan Strathfield 2035, Delivery Program 2022-2026, Operational Plan 2022-2023 and Long Term Financial Plan

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopt the amended draft Community Strategic Plan 'Strathfield 2035', draft Long Term Financial Plan, and Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan 2022-2023, Annual budget 2022-2023 and Fees and Charges 2022-2023.
2. Make the rates and charges as follows for 2022-2023:
  - a) An Ordinary Rate (Residential) of 0.064212 cents in the dollar be made for the year 2022-2023 on the land value in respect of each separate parcel of rateable land in the Local Government Area categorised as Residential in accordance with S.516 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, with a Base Rate in accordance with section 548 of the *Local Government Act 1993* of \$423.00
  - b) An Ordinary Rate (Business) of 0.235147 cents in the dollar be made for the year 2022-2023 on the land value in respect of each separate parcel of rateable land categorised as Business in accordance with S.518 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, within the centre of population defined with the Strathfield Municipal areas, with a Base Rate in accordance with Section 548 of the *Local Government Act 1993* of \$475.00
  - c) In accordance with the provisions of S.566 (3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, set interest on overdue rate at 6% in accordance with maximum rate approved by the Minister for Local Government.
  - d) In accordance with S.496 of the *Local Government Act 1993* that an annual charge of \$795 per

annum be made for the year 2022-2023 for each domestic waste management service rendered to all properties categorised residential or non-rateable residential for each once weekly 120 litre MGB (or equivalent) service, a 240 litre recycling bin and a 240 litre green waste bin (fortnightly);

- e) In accordance with S.502 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, that an annual charge of \$795 per annum be made for the year 2022-2023, for each additional 120 litre domestic waste management service rendered to owner occupied single occupied occupancy residential dwellings (excluding green waste and recycling service).
- f) In accordance with the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and the *Local Government Act 1993*, the following annual Stormwater Management Service Charge be made and levied on all developed rateable land categorised for rating purposes as follows:

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3. That the Fees and Charges 2022-2023 be adopted subject to:
  - The Ground Anchor fee remaining at the 2021/2022 rate of \$1,000 per anchor.
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**MOTION:** (Pensabene / Reddy)

That Council:

1. Adopt the amended draft Community Strategic Plan 'Strathfield 2035', draft Long Term Financial Plan, and Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan 2022-2023, Annual budget 2022-2023 and Fees and Charges 2022-2023.

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  - That Council adopts a policy for Community Groups and Not for Profit Groups to receive a reduced or possibly free rate for Stall Hire at events that they are invited to participate
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4. That a report be provided to an Ordinary Council Meeting in relation to the rapidly increasing cost of building materials and how this will impact on our Fees and Charges.

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**RESOLVED:** (Pensabene / Reddy)

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

Against the Motion: Nil

## **CS1 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Membership and Independent Member Fees**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve:

1. The commencement of the process to appoint a third Independent Member for the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee
2. An increase in committee membership fees to:
  - Member fee rate (excluding GST and superannuation) \$1,255 per meeting
  - Chairperson fee rate (excluding GST and superannuation) \$1,793 per meeting

### **MOTION (Datta / Hall)**

That Council approve:

1. The commencement of the process to appoint a third Independent Member for the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

2. An increase in committee membership fees to:
  - Member fee rate (excluding GST and superannuation) \$600 per meeting
  - Chairperson fee rate (excluding GST and superannuation) \$800 per meeting

**FORESHADOWED MOTION: (Blackmore)**

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The Motion was put.

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**RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)**

That Council approve:

1. The commencement of the process to appoint a third Independent Member for the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee
2. An increase in committee membership fees to:
  - Member fee rate (excluding GST and superannuation) \$600 per meeting
  - Chairperson fee rate (excluding GST and superannuation) \$800 per meeting

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Pensabene, Maheswaran and Reddy

Councillor Datta left the meeting, the time being 8:10pm.

**CS10 Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2022**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. Council nominate up to four (4) voting delegates to attend and vote at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2022 to be held from Sunday 23 October to Tuesday 25 October 2022 at the Crowne Plaza, Hunter Valley.
2. Council nominate any Council observers who wish to attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2022 to be held from Sunday 23 October to Tuesday 25 October 2022 at the Crowne Plaza, Hunter Valley.
3. Councillors wishing to submit Motions for consideration at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference submit them as Notices of Motion for consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 2 August 2022.

**MOTION:** (Blackmore / Pensabene)

1. That Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Pensabene, Councillor Maheswaran and Councillor Cai are the voting delegates to attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2022 to be held from Sunday 23 October to Tuesday 25 October 2022 at the Crowne Plaza, Hunter Valley.
2. Any Councillor who wishes to attend as an observer at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2022 to be held from Sunday 23 October to Tuesday 25 October 2022 at the Crowne Plaza, Hunter Valley inform the Mayor by 10 June 2022.
3. Councillors wishing to submit Motions for consideration at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference submit them as Notices of Motion for consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 2 August 2022.

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**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Pensabene)

1. That Mayor Blackmore, Deputy Mayor Pensabdavene, Councillor Maheswaran and Councillor Cai are

the voting delegates to attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2022 to be held from Sunday 23 October to Tuesday 25 October 2022 at the Crowne Plaza, Hunter Valley.

2. Any Councillor who wishes to attend as an observer at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2022 to be held from Sunday 23 October to Tuesday 25 October 2022 at the Crowne Plaza, Hunter Valley to inform the Mayor by 10 June 2022.
3. Councillors wishing to submit Motions for consideration at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference submit them as Notices of Motion for consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 2 August 2022.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Datta returned to the meeting, the time being 8:13pm.

#### **DEU1 Private Certifiers**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the Report.

#### **MOTION: (Reddy / Hall)**

1. That Council receives and notes the Report.
2. That Council write to The Hon. Anthony Roberts, Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes informing him that Strathfield Council would prefer to be the principle certifier for all building works in the Strathfield LGA.
3. That a briefing be provided to a Councillor Workshop on in-house certification.

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#### **RESOLVED: (Reddy / Hall)**

1. That Council receives and notes the Report.
2. That a briefing be provided to a Councillor Workshop on in-house certification.

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Cai

**DEU2 Garbage Collection Lead Times and Illegal Dumping**

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council increase the maximum volume for individual clean-up bookings to 3 cubic metres and limit the number of bookings during a twelve-month period to 2 per residence.
2. That Council replace the current booking system based on a calendar year with a booking system based on a rolling 12 month period.
3. That the outcomes of the source separated metals collection service, including tonnes of material collected, the net cost of providing the service and environmental benefits to be reported to Council, following the completion of the 6 month trial.

**MOTION:** (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That Council continue to provide 3 Clean-Ups per year of 2 cubic metres.
2. That Council replace the current booking system based on a calendar year with a booking system based on a Financial Year.
3. That the outcomes of the source separated metals collection service, including tonnes of material collected, the net cost of providing the service and environmental benefits to be reported to Council, following the completion of the 6 month trial.

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**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That Council continue to provide 3 Clean-Ups per year of 2 cubic metres.
2. That Council replace the current booking system based on a calendar year with a booking system based on a Financial Year.
3. That the outcomes of the source separated metals collection service, including tonnes of material collected, the net cost of providing the service and environmental benefits to be reported to Council, following the completion of the 6 month trial.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

**DEU4 Audit of Redundant Driveways and Kerbs with no Verges**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council proceed to write to all property owners asking if the identified driveway is indeed redundant to the needs of the property and that all the feedback be reported to a future Ordinary Meeting of Council.

**MOTION:** Reddy / Maheswaran)

1. That Council fund the replacement of redundant driveways only in the residential areas in consultation with residents.
2. That the funds be allocated in the 2022-2023 budget.

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**RESOLVED:** (Reddy / Maheswaran)

1. That Council fund the replacement of redundant driveways only in the residential areas in consultation with residents.
2. That the funds be allocated in the 2022-2023 budget.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

**DEU5 17-20 Loftus Crescent, Homebush Planning Proposal Report**

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council note the recommendation of the Strathfield Local Planning Panel dated 5 May 2022 in relation to this matter as detailed below, noting that the Panel's recommendation is consistent with the Council Officer's recommendation to support the proposal.
2. That Council endorse the Planning Proposal included in Attachments 2 and 3 which seeks to amend the *Strathfield Local Environmental Plan (SLEP) 2012* by amending SLEP as follows:
  - Amend *Clause 4.3: Height of Buildings* to increase the maximum permitted building height to 75m; and
  - Amend *Clause 4.4: Floor Space Ratio* to increase the maximum permitted FSR to 3.6:1

3. That the Planning Proposal be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Environment with a request for a Gateway determination.
4. That when requesting a gateway determination for the Planning Proposal, the Council seek delegation of the plan-making steps under section 3.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

**MOTION:** (Maheswaran / Hall)

That the item be deferred to a Councillor Workshop and reported to the next Council Meeting.

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**RESOLVED:** (Maheswaran / Hall)

That the item be deferred to a Councillor Workshop and reported to the next Council Meeting.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

## DEU6 Proposed Community Advocate Position

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and note the report.
2. Approve the creation of a new position of Community Advocate within the organisation's ongoing structure.
3. Approve the allocation of up to \$122,906.87 to cover the costs associated with the Community Advocate position in the 2022-2023 budget and subsequent budgets for the following years.

**MOTION:** (Maheswaran / Reddy)

That Council:

1. Receive and note the report.
2. Approve the creation of a new position of Community Advocate within the organisation's ongoing



structure.

3. Approve the allocation of up to \$122,906.87 to cover the costs associated with the Community Advocate position in the 2022-2023 budget and subsequent budgets for the following years.
4. The position is up to \$122,906.87 and may be a permanent part time position under the discretion of the General Manager.

For the Motion: Councillors Pensabene and Maheswaran

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Cai, Datta, Hall and Reddy

The Mayor declared the Motion **Lost**.

#### **PPC1 Park Toilets**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council consider funding for toilets at Freshwater Park and Inveresk Park in the future Capital Works Program should these facilities be required.
3. That consultation be conducted with residents at the purposed locations.
4. That following consultation with residents the outcome be included in the Operational Plan and Budget.

##### **MOTION:** (Datta / Hall)

That Council receive and note the report and no further action to be taken.

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##### **RESOLVED:** (Hall / Datta)

That Council receive and note the report and no further action to be taken.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

**PPC3 Chain Of Ponds Reserve, Cave Road, South Strathfield**

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council conduct community consultation for installation of BBQ Facilities at Chain of Ponds.
2. That should the community want a BBQ Facility at Chain of Ponds, funding be allocated in the 2022-2023 Budget at a review.

**MOTION:** (Reddy / Cai)

That Council receive and note the report and no further action be taken.

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**RESOLVED:** (Reddy / Cai)

That Council receive and note the report and no further action be taken.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

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

Nil.

**15. CLOSED SESSION**

**15.1 Council Requests and Services Application**

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**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore)

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

**CS1 Council Requests and Services Application**

This matter will be 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.

The meeting Closed Session at 8:49pm

The meeting commenced Open Session at 9pm.

#### OPEN COUNCIL RESUMED

#### CS1 Council Requests and Services Application

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**RESOLVED:** (Pensabene / Blackmore)

As resolved in Closed Session.

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 9:04pm.**

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 5 July 2022.

Chairman\_\_\_\_\_

General Manager\_\_\_\_\_