

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 14 November 2023

6:30pm

Ironbark Room, Strathfield Council

Library and Innovation Hub

65-67 Rochester Street



Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 14 November 2023, in the Ironbark Room, Strathfield Council Library and Innovation Hub, 65-67 Rochester Street.

COMMENCING: 6:30pm

PRESENT: Councillor Matthew Blackmore (from 7:05pm)
Councillor Karen Pensabene
Councillor Benjamin Cai
Councillor Raj Datta
Councillor Nella Hall
Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran
Councillor Sandy Reddy

STAFF: Michael Mamo, General Manager
Cathy Edwards-Davis, Director Engineering and Operations
Clare Harley, Director Planning and Environment
Kristy Watts, Director Corporate and Community
Rodney Sanjivi, Manager, Financial Service and Chief Financial Officer
Melissa Mallos, General Counsel
Warwick Lawrence, Manager Governance and Risk
Dylan Porter, Manager, Planning , Place and Development
Quinton Kohler, Governance and Corporate Support Officer
David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

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

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

3. **APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Councillor Blackmore (lateness).

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (NATURE TO BE DISCLOSED)

Councillor Blackmore declared a Non-Pecuniary/Non-Significant conflict of interest for item *CCS1 CONFIDENTIAL - Property Matter* and managed the conflict of interest by remaining in the meeting for discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Blackmore declared that he knows the owner of the agency selling the property.

Councillor Blackmore declared a Non-Pecuniary/Non-Significant conflict of interest for item *PE3 Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2012: Amendments Planning Proposal* and managed the conflict of interest by remaining in the meeting for discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Blackmore declared that he had been approached whilst Mayor by land owners mentioned in this report and had previous meetings with these land owners.

Councillor Cai declared a Non-Pecuniary/Non-Significant conflict of interest for item *PE3 Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2012: Amendments Planning Proposal* and managed the conflict of interest by remaining in the meeting for discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Cai declared that he is a rate payer/resident (exempt as strategic planning item).

Councillor Maheswaran declared a Non-Pecuniary/Significant conflict of interest for item *PE3 Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2012: Amendments Planning Proposal* and managed the conflict of interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Maheswaran declared that the Director of a charity he acts for is Director of a company which may be affected by this subject matter. Personal residence affected by some amendments indirectly.

Councillor Pensabene declared a Non-Pecuniary/Non-Significant conflict of interest for item *CCS1 CONFIDENTIAL - Property Matter* and managed the conflict of interest by remaining in the meeting for discussion and voting on this item.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

5.1 Grants from State Government - Councillor Karen Pensabene

I'm pleased to announce that Council has been awarded a very generous amount of \$100k from our Labor State Government. A special thank you to our very hard working local Member for Strathfield Jason Yat-Sen Li, MP for helping Council receive this grant. \$50k will go towards the upgrade at Tavistock Park, Homebush West and \$50k to a new sound and acoustic system in the Homebush West Community Centre.

5.2 Remembrance Day - Councillor Karen Pensabene

Last Saturday was Remembrance Day. On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month we remember those

that were injured and those who gave our lives to war. We stop to honour their sacrifice so that we may have the freedoms of the world that we have today. Lest we forget.

5.3 Grants from State Government - Councillor Raj Datta

I would like to acknowledge our efforts for the grants and the local Member for Strathfield, Jason Yat-Sen Li, MP in organising these grants for Council. The two locations for grants are highly needed and I commend the efforts of Jason Yat-Sen Li, MP and ask that we send a note of appreciation.

5.4 Diwali Celebrations - Councillor Raj Datta

Diwali is being celebrated across New South Wales. I attended a celebration hosted by the Premier of NSW on Sunday 7 November 2023. Strathfield Council had supported the Diwali celebrations a year after I commenced my role as Councillor in 2012 and community organisations have continued with Council's support since.

In a growing religion that is Hinduism, most people know of the good over evil and darkness. Councillor Datta discussed the pillars of Hinduism including but not limited to equality and the essence of all religions being in agreement and respect for women.

5.5 Kokoda Memorial - Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

On 3 November 2023 I was honoured to attend the Kokoda Memorial on behalf of the Mayor. It marks the day Australian soldiers raised the Australian flag as part of the New Guinea campaign in World War 2.

The event was incredibly well prepared and featured the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, The Hon. Matt Keogh, MP as well as a host officials, MPs and most importantly, veterans.

I was grateful to be there and we acknowledge them.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

265/23

RESOLVED: (Hall / Datta)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 10 October 2023, 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 Chairperson and General Manager be authorised to sign such minutes.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

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

7.1 Mayoral Minute 21/23 - Passing of Mr George Hallworth

266/23

RESOLVED: (Pensabene)

1. That Council formally acknowledge the passing of Mr George Hallworth, former Alderman of Strathfield Council
2. That the family of the late Mr Hallworth receive a letter from the Mayor passing on Council's sincere condolences.
3. That a donation of \$500 be made to the Cancer Council requested by his family in lieu of flowers.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

7.2 Mayoral Minute 22/23 - Illegal dumping and waste management

MOVED:

1. That Council request that the Director Planning and Environment prepare and implement a program to meet the following objectives:
 - a. Improved collection of illegal dumping in our streets and parks
 - b. Decreased waiting times for clean up bookings (furniture, white goods, small appliances) for residents
 - c. Improved management of bins to reduce overspill which attracts birds and animals
 - d. Increased waste education and awareness and community engagement to improve the management of waste in the LGA.
2. That Council approve the allocation of funds from the Domestic Waste levy to implement the requested additional services.

MOTION: (Pensabene)

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 - b. Decreased waiting times for clean up bookings (furniture, white goods, small appliances) for residents with priority for those who are leaving their premises
 - c. Improved management of bins to reduce overspill which attracts birds and animals
 - d. Increased waste education and awareness and community engagement to improve the management of waste in the LGA.
2. That Council approve the allocation of funds from the Domestic Waste levy to implement the requested additional services.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene)

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 - b. Decreased waiting times for clean up bookings (furniture, white goods, small appliances) for residents with priority for those who are leaving their premises
 - c. Improved management of bins to reduce overspill which attracts birds and animals
 - d. Increased waste education and awareness and community engagement to improve the management of waste in the LGA.
2. That Council approve the allocation of funds from the Domestic Waste levy to implement the requested additional services.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

8. ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

Items by Exception

268/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

I move that in accordance with Section 13 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice the items below be dealt with by exception and that they be adopted as recommended by a single Motion:

CCS1 Public Art Policy

- CCS4 Appointment of a Code of Conduct Review Panel
- CCS5 Ordinary Council Meeting, Committee and Councillor Workshop Schedule 2024
- CCS6 Tabling of Annual Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters Return - Clause 4.21 and Schedule 1 Code of Conduct
- CCS7 Councillor Workshop 24 October 2023
- CCS8 Councillor Workshop 1 November 2023
- CCS9 Current Status of Council Resolutions
- CCS10 Tenders Advertised and Awarded October 2023
- CCS11 Investment Report - September 2023
- CCS12 Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRs) - FY 2023/24 - Quarter 1 (September 2023)
- EO1 Provision of Additional Bins - Henley Road and The Crescent
- EO2 Draft Mobile Food Vending Vehicle Policy
- 11.1 Report from Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting on 28 September 2023
- 11.2 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 17 October 2023

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CCS1 Public Art Policy

269/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

1. To approve the Public Art Policy to go on public exhibition for 28 days.
2. If no submissions received following public exhibition that the policy be considered adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS4 Appointment of a Code of Conduct Review Panel

270/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That Council utilise those businesses on the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) preferred supplier panel for Code of Conduct reviewers as provided in tender SSROC T2021-03.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS5 Ordinary Council Meeting, Committee and Councillor Workshop Schedule 2024

271/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

1. That the 2024 Ordinary Council Meetings be held as per the attached schedule at 6:30pm (and generally on the fourth Tuesday of each month excepting January and December each year) in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield, or as resolved by Council, in accordance with clause 3.1 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice and section 365 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
2. That the Committee schedule be received and noted.
3. That Councillor Workshops be held in accordance with the attached schedule and generally on the second Tuesday of each month at 4:30pm (excepting January and December) or as required by the General Manager with agreement from the Mayor in the Community Meeting Room, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield and by audio visual link.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS6 Tabling of Annual Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters Return - Clause 4.21 and Schedule 1 Code of Conduct

272/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That Council receive and note the report concerning tabling of Annual Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters Returns by Councillor Maheswaran and one of Council's Regulatory Officers.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS7 Councillor Workshop 24 October 2023

273/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That the report be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS8 Councillor Workshop 1 November 2023

274/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That the report be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS9 Current Status of Council Resolutions

275/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

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

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS10 Tenders Advertised and Awarded October 2023

276/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That Council tenders advertised and awarded in October 2023 be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS11 Investment Report - September 2023

277/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That the record of cash investments as at 30 September 2023 be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS12 Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRs) - FY 2023/24 - Quarter 1 (September 2023)

278/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the quarter ending 30 September 2023 be received and adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

EO1 Provision of Additional Bins - Henley Road and The Crescent

279/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

1. That Council install a bin on the western side of the intersection between Henley Road and The Crescent, adjacent to the power pole and planting bed, as shown in Attachments 1, 2 and 3.
2. That Council install a bin adjacent to the footpath section which intersects with the northern side of The Crescent at the intersection with Hornsey Road, as shown in Attachments 4, 5 and 6.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

EO2 Draft Mobile Food Vending Vehicle Policy

280/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That:

1. The draft Mobile Food Vending Vehicle Policy be put on public exhibition.
2. Should Council receive negligible feedback, that Council delegate for the General Manager to finalise the Mobile Food Vending Vehicle Policy.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

11.1 Report from Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting on 28 September 2023

281/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 28 September 2023 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

11.2 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 17 October 2023

282/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That the Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 17 October 2023 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Clement Lun, Homebush West, Strathfield resident addressed the meeting to discuss item *PE3 Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2012: Amendments Planning Proposal*. Mr Lun objects to the recommendation as the surrounding area has changed dramatically and no longer fit for purpose as a residential zone.

Mr Kurt Cornell, Homebush West, Strathfield resident addressed the meeting to discuss item *PE3 Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2012: Amendments Planning Proposal*. Mr Cornell objects to the recommendation as the area has now transformed from a quiet residential cul-de-sac to an industrial area surrounded by factories.

Note: Councillor Blackmore arrived at the meeting, the time being 7:05pm.

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

GMU1 Establish a Panel to Determine the 2024 Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That a panel be established for selecting the local Australia Day award winners which includes the Mayor,

two Councillors and the previous year award winners.

2. That Council nominate two Councillors for the 2024 selection panel.
3. That Council invite the previous year award winners to participate on the selection panel.
4. That the Mayor has the casting vote should a majority decision not be achieved in determining the winner for either category.

MOTION: (Hall / Reddy)

1. That a panel be established for selecting the local Australia Day award winners which includes the Mayor, two Councillors and the previous year award winners.
2. That Councillors Datta and Hall be appointed as the 2024 Selection Panel members.
3. That Council invite the previous year award winners to participate on the selection panel.
4. That the Mayor has the casting vote should a majority decision not be achieved in determining the winner for either category.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Reddy)

1. That a panel be established for selecting the local Australia Day award winners which includes the Mayor, two Councillors and the previous year award winners.
2. That Councillors Datta and Hall be appointed as the 2024 Selection Panel members.
3. That Council invite the previous year award winners to participate on the selection panel.
4. That the Mayor has the casting vote should a majority decision not be achieved in determining the winner for either category.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

GMU2 Annual Report 2022-2023

284/23

RESOLVED: (Hall / Cai)

That Council endorse the Annual Report for 2022-2023.

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Cai

CCS2 A Report to Consider the End of Discretionary Grants

Note: Councillor Maheswaran suggested an Amendment to Councillor Datta's Motion and when the Chair invited the mover of the Motion (Councillor Datta) to accept the Amendment, it was declined.

285/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

1. That Council retain the current discretionary program for 2023/2024 and include a similar program of grants in the preparation of future annual budgets.
2. That Council resume the advertising and delivery of the 2023/2024 grants program.

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

CCS3 Councillors Facilities and Expenses Policy Amendment

286/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That the Councillor's Facilities and Expenses Policy be amended and the 2023/2024 budget allocation for attendance at conferences and seminars by Councillors be increased from \$4,000 per annum to \$35,000 per annum, which equates to an allocation of \$5,000 per councillor per annum.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

PE1 Review of Part A – Dwelling Houses and Ancillary Structures Amendment of the Strathfield Consolidated Development Control Plan 2005

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. A review of Part A – Dwelling Houses and Ancillary Structures Amendment of the Strathfield Consolidated Development Control Plan 2005 be undertaken.
2. Any proposed amendments to Part A – Dwelling Houses and Ancillary Structures Amendment of the Strathfield Consolidated Development Control Plan 2005 be brought back to a Council Workshop and meeting to seek endorsement prior to being placed on public exhibition.

MOTION: (Datta / Hall)

That:

1. A review of Part A – Dwelling Houses and Ancillary Structures Amendment of the Strathfield Consolidated Development Control Plan 2005 be undertaken.
2. Any proposed amendments to Part A – Dwelling Houses and Ancillary Structures Amendment of the Strathfield Consolidated Development Control Plan 2005 be brought back to a Council Workshop and meeting to seek endorsement prior to being placed on public exhibition.
3. That the review look to preserve the heritage appearance of the Strathfield and Homebush areas.

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RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

That:

1. A review of Part A – Dwelling Houses and Ancillary Structures Amendment of the Strathfield Consolidated Development Control Plan 2005 be undertaken.
2. Any proposed amendments to Part A – Dwelling Houses and Ancillary Structures Amendment of the Strathfield Consolidated Development Control Plan 2005 be brought back to a Council Workshop and meeting to seek endorsement prior to being placed on public exhibition.
3. That the review look to preserve the heritage appearance of the Strathfield and Homebush areas.

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

PE2 Strathfield Local Transport Study (Connector Bus Review)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Endorse the following recommendations which have been informed by an independent review of the Connector Bus:
 - a. The existing Connector Bus service is discontinued,
 - b. Council transitions to a new shorter and simpler route between Homebush West (Courallie Avenue) and Strathfield Station via Homebush operating up to 2 years with existing Council resources, and
 - c. Council advocates to TfNSW during this time for on demand transport or other options to service Strathfield, south of Parramatta Road with connections to Homebush West, Homebush and Strathfield train stations.
2. Note that the evidence base, community engagement and options analysis which informed the recommendations of the review are documented in the Strathfield Local Transport Options Study Technical Report (see Attachment 1).

MOTION: (Maheswaran / Datta)

That Council:

1. Endorse the following recommendations which have been informed by an independent review of the Connector Bus:
 - a. The existing Connector Bus service is discontinued,
 - b. Council transitions to a new shorter and simpler route between Homebush West (Courallie Avenue) and Strathfield Station via Homebush West and Homebush operating up to 2 years with existing Council resources, and
 - c. Council advocates to TfNSW during this time for on demand transport or other options to service Strathfield, south of Parramatta Road with connections to Homebush West, Homebush and Strathfield train stations.
2. Note that the evidence base, community engagement and options analysis which informed the recommendations of the review are documented in the Strathfield Local Transport Options Study Technical Report (see Attachment 1).

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RESOLVED: (Maheswaran / Datta)

That Council:

1. Endorse the following recommendations which have been informed by an independent review of the Connector Bus:
 - a. The existing Connector Bus service is discontinued,
 - b. Council transitions to a new shorter and simpler route between Homebush West (Courallie Avenue) and Strathfield Station via Homebush West and Homebush operating up to 2 years with existing Council resources, and
 - c. Council advocates to TfNSW during this time for on demand transport or other options to service Strathfield, south of Parramatta Road with connections to Homebush West, Homebush and Strathfield train stations.
2. Note that the evidence base, community engagement and options analysis which informed the recommendations of the review are documented in the Strathfield Local Transport Options Study Technical Report (see Attachment 1).

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Blackmore

PE3 Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2012: Amendments Planning Proposal

Note:

Councillor Blackmore declared a Non-Pecuniary/Non-Significant conflict of interest for item *PE3 Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2012: Amendments Planning Proposal* and managed the conflict of interest by remaining in the meeting for discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Blackmore declared that he had been approached whilst Mayor by land owners mentioned in this report and had previous meetings with these land owners.

Councillor Cai declared a Non-Pecuniary/Non-Significant conflict of interest for item *PE3 Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2012: Amendments Planning Proposal* and managed the conflict of interest by remaining in the meeting for discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Cai declared that he is a rate payer/resident (exempt as strategic planning item).

Councillor Maheswaran declared a Non-Pecuniary/Significant conflict of interest for item *PE3 Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2012: Amendments Planning Proposal* and managed the conflict of interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Maheswaran declared that the Director of a charity he acts for is Director of a company which may be affected by this subject matter.

Personal residence affected by some amendments indirectly.

Councillor Maheswaran left the meeting, the time being 7:39pm.

Note: The Mayor noted that given this item is a planning proposal at a strategic level Councillors are reminded that those with a conflict of interest that are a resident/ratepayer are provided with an exemption that allows them to stay in the meeting during its consideration. However, any discussion by the affected Councillor(s) should be specifically focused at a strategic level and not on non-strategic specifics of the proposal.

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RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That:

1. In accordance with the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, Council endorse the preparation of a draft Planning Proposal to amend the Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2012 in relation to the following eight (8) items:
 - a) Exclusion of access handles when calculating site area for battle-axe lot or any lot with an access handle for the purposes of minimum subdivision lot size
 - b) Introduction of 'Creative Industries' as Permitted with Consent in E4 General Industrial Zone. (N.B. Creative Industries are a type of Light Industry)
 - c) Removal of signage from Schedule 2 – Exempt Development
 - d) Terrestrial Biodiversity – remove specific land mentioned in LEP Clause and reference new Terrestrial Biodiversity Map/s
 - e) Amend Schedule 5 as follows:
 - Part 1 – Add existing State Heritage Items
 - Part 2 – Expand the Burlington Road Heritage Conservation Areas
 - f) Rezoning selected Sydney Water lands from R2 Low Density Residential to SP2 Infrastructure and RE1 Public Recreation
 - g) Introduction of 'Recreation Facility (indoor)' as Permitted with Consent in the E4 General Industrial zones
 - h) Editorial and mapping updates to remove / update references to old legislation and update all mapping
2. The draft Planning Proposal be reported to a future Council Meeting to obtain approval to lodge it with the Department of Planning and Environment to seek a Gateway Determination.
3. Council note that staff will undertake further research and review in relation to the following eight (8) items and that a report outlining an evidence based and recommendations, will be provided at a future Council Meeting (Note: a number of the items identified below will be informed by the Strathfield Medium Density Housing Strategy which is currently under preparation):

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- a) Increasing Height of Buildings (HOB) and Floor Space Ratio (FSR) controls within certain industrial precincts
 - b) Removal of Residential Flat Buildings from R3 Medium Density Residential zone
 - c) Introduction of R1 General Residential zone, where Residential Flat Buildings were already prevalent or desirable
 - d) Rezoning Greenacre Housing Investigation Area from the R2 Low Density Residential Zone to the R3 Medium Density Residential Zone and removing dual occupancies from 'Schedule 1 – Additional Permitted Uses' and the minimum lot size for dual occupancies in Greenacre set at 600 m²
 - e) Increasing minimum lot size for dual occupancies from 560 m² to 650 m²
 - f) Introduction of minimum subdivision lot size for dual occupancies
 - g) Removal of the Welfare Street Heritage Conservation Area (HCA) status
 - h) Expanding the extent of the E1 Local Centre Zone at the southern end of Water Street, Strathfield South
4. The following nine (9) items not be progressed as amendments to the Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2012:
- a) Introduction of minimum subdivision requirements in the R2 Low Density Residential Zone
 - b) Rezoning the R3 Medium Density Residential zone on Rochester Street to R1 General Residential
 - c) Removal of 'Places of Public Worship' as a Permitted with Consent use from R1 General Residential and R3 Medium Density Residential Zones
 - d) Including value sharing provisions
 - e) Introduction of minimum lot size and width for Boarding Houses in the R2 Low Density Residential and R3 Medium Density Residential Zones
 - f) Removal of 'General Industries' and 'Water Recycling Facilities' as Permitted with Consent and the addition of 'Office Premises' and 'Specialised Retail (bulky goods)' in the IN2 Light Industrial (now E4 General Industrial) Zone
 - g) Rezoning the Water Street Industrial Precinct and adjoining residential land from IN1 General Industrial Zone to the MUI Mixed Use Zone with increases in Height of Building and Floor Space Ratio controls
 - h) Rezoning Rochester Street from the R2 Low Density Residential and R3 Medium Density Residential to MUI Mixed Use
 - i) Delisting 36a Water Street, Strathfield South from the local heritage list
5. Council note that a Councillor Briefing was provided on the 24th October 2023.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Maheswaran returned to the meeting, the time being 7:50pm.

PE4 Correspondence from Minister for Planning and Public Spaces: Low and Medium Density Housing Zones in NSW

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, The Hon. Paul Scully MP (the Minister) has written (Attachment 1) to Councils in NSW regarding the need to allow for more housing in low and medium density zones to help increase supply and diversity of homes.

MOTION: (Blackmore / Datta)

1. That Council note the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, The Hon. Paul Scully MP (the Minister) has written (Attachment 1) to Councils in NSW regarding the need to allow for more housing in low and medium density zones to help increase supply and diversity of homes.
2. That Council write to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, The Hon. Paul Scully MP by way of reply and note that Council require funding desperately to deal with this issue.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Datta)

1. That Council note the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, The Hon. Paul Scully MP (the Minister) has written (Attachment 1) to Councils in NSW regarding the need to allow for more housing in low and medium density zones to help increase supply and diversity of homes.
2. That Council write to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, The Hon. Paul Scully MP by way of reply and note that Council require funding desperately to deal with this issue.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

11. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Note: Items *11.1 Report from Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting on 28 September 2023* and *11.2 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 17 October 2023* dealt with by exception.

12. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

12.1 Electric Charging Stations Audit – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

291/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Cai)

1. That a report be presented at the February 2024 Council Meeting with details of any Licences, Lease or Agreements in relation to the exclusive use of Council assets or infrastructure in relation to Electric Charging Stations in the Strathfield Council area.
2. That the report outline but not limited to possible income streams and any possible lost revenue since the installation of any electric charging stations which rely on the exclusive use of Councils Assets or Infrastructure.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Note: This item was dealt with after Confidential Matters.

14. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Note: This item was dealt with after Confidential Matters.

15. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

292/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That in accordance with Section 10A (2) (c) of the *Local Government Act 1993* 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.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

The meeting moved into Closed Session, the time being 8:25pm.

Open Session

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Reddy)

That Council move into Open Session.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

The meeting moved into Open Session, the time being 8:45pm.

Open Council Resumed

CCSI CONFIDENTIAL - Property Matter

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Councillors receive and note the confidential presentation regarding a property acquisition.
2. That Councillors provide a delegation to Council's General Manager to negotiate the acquisition of the property and set an upper limit following the briefing in the confidential session.

MOTION: (Blackmore / Reddy)

1. That Councillors receive and note the confidential presentation regarding a property acquisition.
2. That the General Manager be granted the delegated authority to undertake all necessary actions to purchase the property as determined during Closed Session.
3. That, upon the successful acquisition of the Property:
 - a) Council endorses the classification of the Property as Community Land under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
 - b) Council approves to publicly notify its intention to classify the property pursuant to Section 31 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
 - c) Council vote the funding for the purchase of the Property as outlined in the "Financial Implication" section of this confidential report.
 - d) Council be provided with options for the embellishment of the property to be used as public recreational open space at a future Council Meeting.

Upon moving into Open Session the Myaor rad the following resolution that was adopted in Closed Session:

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Matter of Urgency – Censure of Councillor

Councillor Blackmore left the meeting, the time being 8:47pm.

MOTION: (Maheswaran)

Councillor Maheswaran sought Council to consider this matter as a matter of urgency.

That in accordance with section 440F of the *Local Government Act 1993*, a Councillor be censured for potential breaches of Council’s Code of Conduct.

The Chair ruled the item out of order.

16. CONCLUSION OF MEETING

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:48pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 5 December 2023.

Chairperson_____

General Manager_____