

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 13 August 2024

6:30pm

Council Chambers

65 Homebush Road, Strathfield



Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 13 August 2024, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: There was no quorum present at 6:30 pm, the advertised starting time of the meeting. Clause 5:20 of the Code of Meeting Practice requires there to be a quorum within half an hour of the designated time for the meeting.

Those present waited and one became possible within the half an hour and the meeting commenced at 6:50 pm.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Sandy Reddy
Councillor Benjamin Cai
Councillor Nella Hall
Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

STAFF: Michael Mamo, General Manager
Kristy Watts, Director Corporate and Community
Clare Harley, Director Planning and Environment
Cathy Edwards-Davis, Director Engineering and Operations
David Vien, Manager, Digital, Information and Customer
Melissa Mallos, General Counsel
Dylan Porter, Manager, Planning and Place
Rodney Sanjivi, Chief Financial Officer
Paul Reid, Manager, Resilience, Compliance & Commercial
Amanda Rutherford, Manager Governance and Procurement
David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer
Gina Nobrega, Governance and Corporate Support Officer

1. **MOMENT OF REFLECTION:** The Prayer was read.

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

3. **APOLOGIES AND APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSNECE**

- An apology was received from Mayor Karen Pensabene.

No leave of absence or apology was received by Councillor Blackmore and he did not attend the meeting.

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST (NATURE OF INTEREST TO BE DISCLOSED)

Councillor Maheswaran declared a Non-Pecuniary/Significant conflict of interest for item *PE1 Council Submissions - Homebush Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Masterplan, Explanation of Intended Effect and the Proposed Changes to State Significant Development (SSD) Assessment Pathways* and managed the Conflict of Interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Maheswaran declared he currently acts in his professional capacity for a charity engaged in litigation. The Director of the charity owns land in the scoping area covered in the submission.

Councillor Maheswaran declared a Non-Pecuniary/Significant conflict of interest for item *PE2 Draft Electrical Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Policy* and managed the Conflict of Interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Maheswaran declared he has a close personal friend who had had a managerial role in a company mentioned in previous reports associated with this matter when it was before Council.

Councillor Maheswaran declared a Non-Pecuniary/Significant conflict of interest for item *PE4 Draft Infrastructure Contributions Plan* and managed the Conflict of Interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Maheswaran declared he had not reviewed the attachments to the report but same conflict as PE1.

Councillor Maheswaran declared a Non-Pecuniary/Significant conflict of interest for item *PE6 Draft Planning Proposal : Strathfield Medium Density Housing Strategy* and managed the Conflict of Interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. As with PE4, Councillor Maheswaran declared he had not reviewed papers to this report but thought he would likely have the same conflict as PE1.

Councillor Cai declared a Non-Pecuniary/Significant conflict of interest for item *PE1 Council Submissions - Homebush Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Masterplan, Explanation of Intended Effect and the Proposed Changes to State Significant Development (SSD) Assessment Pathways* and managed the Conflict of Interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Cai declared his residential address is in the zoning area covered in the submission.

Councillor Hall declared a Non-Pecuniary/Significant conflict of interest for item *PE1 Council Submissions - Homebush Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Masterplan, Explanation of Intended Effect and the Proposed Changes to State Significant Development (SSD) Assessment Pathways* and managed the Conflict of Interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Hall declared she has property leased in the zoning area covered in the submission.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

5.1 Acknowledging the General Manager and Councillors during Council term – Councillor Sandy Reddy

First of all, I would like to acknowledge the General Manager and all the Directors throughout the term. This being our last meeting for this term. Thank you for your support and I would like to thank my fellow Councillors as well. It's been a wonderful term being with you. Learning from you and having discussions with you. A special thanks to David McQuade for keeping up with amendments and changes every second minute.

Thank you for everything. Thank you for your support.

5.2 Thanking Councillors, Staff and Residents during Council term – Councillor Nella Hall

It has been a privilege getting to know Councillors especially Madam Chair for today, Councillor Maheswaran and of course, my running mate, Councillor Benjamin Cai. Thank you to the staff and for supporting me especially Kristy Watts. Mr General Manager, it was the right decision to pick you and you've done a great job. To the residents, thank you so much for your support in electing me for a second term. I really appreciate the residents supporting me as much as you have. It's been overwhelming and I hope I have done as well as I possibly can and good luck for the next term everybody.

Councillor Datta arrived at the meeting, the time being 7:01pm.

5.3 Misinformation Campaign Relating to Strathfield Council Rate Rise – Councillor Sarangan Maheswaran

In the last week, residents received a robocall and are asked, "would you be more or less likely to vote for the existing Council given the 'rate rise'?" This appears to be push polling to colour the impression of the voter rather than genuinely ascertain information.

NSW Liberals have launched their campaign with "Stop Labor's Rate Increase" and published a website promising to cut rates and offer more investment into roads and parks. The last Council was dominated by Liberals and the Strathfield Independents and Council increased garbage levies by almost 50%. We have slashed them. In their last year they decreased capital spending by \$7m – almost 30% and Council entered into an operational deficit. If we continued on this path, Council would have gone bankrupt. Labor councillors refused to accept these financial accounts while Liberals and Independents voted to accept them.

Labor councillors present opposed the special rate variation and the only Liberal councillor here supported it despite the fact they hid their rate increases in the garbage levy. It's a rate rise necessary because the Liberals underfunded our roads and infrastructure. And it's a rate rise opposed by Labor and supported by the Liberals – and they want to call the Labor rate rise.

5.4 Advisory Note Against the Weaponisation of ICAC Complaints – Councillor Sarangan Maheswaran

I would like to acknowledge the note sent to all Councillors in the State by the Commission warning against the weaponisation of the Commission for political advantage. Council can be a particularly vicious place. I have tips on what to do when you are faced with a false and malicious campaign of innuendo waged by your local political opponents. First, is the direct approach and second, the legal approach where you document everything, ask for statements, ask people to screenshot and forward instant messages or file note the conversation yourself.

Be ready if you want to run for public office for these sorts of campaigns to be waged. I hope that in the election that people do adhere to the rules, and I very much enjoyed reading the advisory note that was circulated.

5.5 Thanking Councillors and Staff during Council term – Councillor Benjamin Cai

As nearly three years as a Councillor I have learnt a lot, not just personally but in many ways. You know I have made a lot of friends in the Council like my running mate, Councillor Hall, in the new term, also the Deputy Mayor, Sandy Reddy and of course Councillors Datta and Maheswaran. Thank you to all my colleagues who have given me lots of support in the last three years.

Also, I would like to thank the management team and also the General manager that we chose. I think we made the right decision to have you. We also want to thank the directors like Clare Harley who is great and Melissa Mallos, Kristy Watts and Cathy Edwards-Davis. Very important things that all those directors would find out.

Ok, there is a lot to say about this journey but there is one thing to conclude and that is thank you all.

5.6 Thanking Councillors, Staff and Residents during Council term - Councillor Raj Datta

This is the last Council meeting of this term; I would like to acknowledge some of the good events that I attended over the last weekend. The science exhibition with 50 students showcasing some of the scientific discoveries with many dignitaries in attendance. It shows that our community is growing and people from diverse backgrounds are coming forward, inspiring our young scientists and building our future generation for all Australians. That was excellent.

I would also like to acknowledge the Indian Australian Idol celebration. It shows how communities from diverse backgrounds are coming and joining the many street activities. For example, singing, dancing and all those things. It gives me immense pleasure to see how things have improved over the last 37 years that I have been here. Also, the Indian Australian Association celebrating India's Independence Day, attended by about 400 people, including the Council General of India. It was an excellent event showcasing the increasing

closeness between these two countries and how the bilateral relationship between India and Australia is evolving. Having lived in Australia and in particular, Strathfield, for over 37 years there is not one street I have not walked on.

When somebody calls me about a concern I do not see that person as a nameless person. I do not come here to make a living. If I could not change things there is no point for me being here. So, I have pushed as much as I could and so that has been my basic motivation.

I had a role in employing this General Manager. There was **some competition** and I'm very glad that he was successfully employed. I have always done what is in the interest of the broader community without fear of failure. In doing so I have received a lot of support from officers, including the General Manager. I thank you and thank you all the directors who have supported and helped me over these years. Many of the residents I've known for many years. I have **nothing but gratitude for having the opportunity** in serving the Council since 2012. I definitely acknowledge all of your help and particularly my colleague, Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran. Thank you.

5.7 Thanking Residents during Council term - Councillor Benjamin Cai

I think lastly, I want to thank all those citizens of our community who voted me as councillor . I think if not for their support and their good opinions on how to improve our community I wouldn't be able to last until today so thank you all. Also to my neighbours I say thank you.

5.8 Thank You during Council term - Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

In the general nature for the end of the term I would like to just apologise for the many occasions where I've been quite difficult and thank you for your forbearance in that respect as well as your support, especially Councillor Datta as well as the Mayor Karen Pensabene and each of the councillors here and all of the Council staff.

The employment of the General Manager was one of the best decisions of this Council. It really has been and all the decisions flown from that have been substantially better for the residents in this area and I mean that sincerely.

So I would like to say thank you to each and every one of you. I felt that the mandate that was given in the **2021 election was one of serious reform, and as a councillor, to ask serious questions and that's what I regarded my job to be.** I thought that was what my constituent had asked for and that is what I had hoped I had delivered. There may have been hurt feelings and there may have been terse words but also a lot of fond memories. Thank you all and especially Councillor Datta for your kind words.

5.9 Thank You to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor - Councillor Nella Hall

I don't know if Mayor Karen Pensabene is watching. Mayor Pensabene, you have done an amazing job. We started our journey I think in 2012 and you got to be Mayor and I'm very proud of you and you have done a great job. Good luck next term and all the best and I will see you around.

As for the current Deputy Mayor, you have been put in the hot spot a couple of time in the Chair and you've done a great job. All of those who have been Deputy Mayor as for yourself, have done a great job. This term I've decided to not to do the Deputy Mayor and let the new guys do it and I'll be watching your guys in the next term.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

192/24

RESOLVED: (Hall / Datta)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 July 2024, 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 Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

7. MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

7.1 Mayoral Minute 06/24 – Australian Red Cross 110th Birthday Celebration

193/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

That the Council notes the support being provided in response to the request received from the Chair, NSW Divisional Advisory Board of the Australian Red Cross, for Council to light up the Council Chambers Building in red lights to acknowledge the 110th birthday milestone of the Australian Red Cross.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

8. ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

Items by Exception

194/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

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:

- 10.1 Review of Tree Management Policy – Councillor Raj Datta
- 10.2 Proposal for Strathfield (Bay) Run along the Cooks River – Councillor Nella Hall
- 10.3 Legal Advice for the Amendment of Council Minutes – Councillor Nella Hall
- 10.5 Naturalising the Cooks River, improving water quality, and opening new open space – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran
- 10.6 Rate Variation and Infrastructure Communication – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran
- CCS1 Current Status of Council Resolutions
- CCS2 Tenders Advertised and Awarded July 2024
- CCS3 Councillor Workshop 6 August 2024
- CCS4 Councillor Workshop 7 August 2024
- CCS8 Investment Report – July 2024
- CCS9 Draft Customer Experience (CX) Strategy
- PE3 Building Certification
- PE7 Hudson Park Golf Driving Range – Extension of Hours Update
- EO1 Automated External Defibrillators in Strathfield

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

Against the Motion: Nil

10.1 Review of Tree Management Policy – Councillor Raj Datta

195/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That Council prepares a report articulating specific changes in the Council Tree Management Policy, defining

specific steps Council would take to address and mitigate the following and other similar felt needs of the community members and table it at the October Council Meeting:

1. Allocation of Council officers/resources on a priority basis to help and guide residents with application and resolution where the tree pruning or removal is related to serious safety and security of residents, e.g. falling branches from a tree is causing physical injury or serious damage to a property and progressing the matter, with a sense of urgency is required for eliminating these risks.
2. Mediation between neighbours where pruning of a tree is necessary for safety and security of residents.
3. Defining processes/procedures, amends the relevant forms and application process, as appropriate so that landowners could apply to undertake appropriate actions and works to manage, prune, remove a tree encroaching or overhanging onto a property without prior approval of the owner of the property on which the tree might be located, where the tree in question has been identified to be a serious safety concern or causing major damage to properties.
4. Enabling landowners/residents to undertake works within their own land on elements of a tree which encroaches onto their land from a neighbouring property, without formal approval/permission of the owner of the land on which the tree is located, where the tree in question has been identified to be a serious safety concern or causing major damage to properties.

COUNCIL OFFICERS' NOTE:

The recommendations proposed by this Notice of Motion were addressed in the report to Council on the 28 May 2024 titled "Strathfield Urban Forest – Strategies to Increase Tree Canopy" as per the attached.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

10.2 Proposal for Strathfield (Bay) Run along the Cooks River – Councillor Nella Hall

196/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That Council prepares a feasibility report to create a Strathfield (Bay) Run in the area of the Cooke River cycle way and pedestrian walkway.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

10.3 Legal Advice for the Amendment of Council Minutes – Councillor Nella Hall

197/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That:

1. Council seeks external legal advice on the actions taken of motion CCS2 moved at the 28 May 2024 meeting of Strathfield Council.
2. The advice be presented to Council in a Councillor Workshop.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

10.5 Naturalising the Cooks River, Improving Water Quality, and Opening New Open Space – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

198/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That Council resolves to:

1. Support and consider funding the proposal subject of Council report EO3 presented at the 2 May 2023 Council meeting being a feasibility study, and
2. provide a report to the October 2024 Council Meeting on the cost of implementing the feasibility study.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

10.6 Rate Variation and Infrastructure Communication – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

199/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That Council resolves to write to all residential addresses within the Local Government Area as soon as possible setting out, in summary:

- a. The unfunded infrastructure backlog which required the special rate variation
- b. The persistent operating deficits of Council between 2017 to 2021

- c. Cuts to Council expenditure to improve Council's financial position
- d. The new rating model and its impact so far on bills
- e. The reduction in garbage levies
- f. New infrastructure and works have been funded by Council because of the special rate variation
- g. Council's auditors' comments on the improvement of Council's financial position

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS1 Current Status of Council Resolutions

200/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

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

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS2 Tenders Advertised and Awarded July 2023

201/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That Council tenders advertised and awarded in July 2024 be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS3 Councillor Workshop 6 August 2024

202/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That the report be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS4 Councillor Workshop 7 August 2024

203/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That the report be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS8 Investment Report - July 2024

204/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That the record of cash investments as at 31 July 2024 be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS9 Draft Customer Experience (CX) Strategy

205/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

That Council resolve for the Draft Customer Experience (CX) Strategy to proceed to public exhibition for 28 days and should Council receive negligible feedback, that Council delegate for the General Manager to finalise the Draft Customer Experience (CX) Strategy.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

PE3 Building Certification

206/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

1. That Council endorses the existing Building Certification process that is currently offered to residents.
2. That a review of the 2024/2025 Fees and Charges relating to Building Certification and related building compliance services be reviewed and brought back to Council for consideration, after the election.

3. That the project budget of \$5,000 be endorsed for inclusion in the Quarter 1 Budget Review to support the development of updates to Council's website relating to Building Certification services and customer information.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

PE7 Hudson Park Golf Driving Range - Extension of Hours Update

207/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

1. That Council notes the extension of trading hours at the Hudson Park Golf Driving Range is considered successful as:
 - a. additional services were provided to the community with no known negative amenity impacts
 - b. revenue was increased
2. That Council confirm that the extended trading hours trial be made permanent.
3. That Council staff continue to monitor the commercial operations of the driving range to ensure positive financial outcomes for the extended hours
4. That Council staff are authorised to make changes to closing times if required in the future.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

EO1 Automated External Defibrillators in Strathfield

208/24

RESOLVED: (Datta / Maheswaran)

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That the Mayor write to all NSW State Members and Legislative Council Members requesting they consider the introduction of legislation to mandate the installation of defibrillators in new businesses and high rise developments.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

9. PUBLIC FORUM

9.1 Homebush Transport Oriented Development (TOD) In relation to Welfare Street Heritage Conservation Area - Mr Kurt Cornell

Mr Cornell addressed the meeting to discuss zoning changes regarding the new TOD Program and the relation to Welfare Street Heritage Conversation Area.

During the address Councillor Maheswaran declared a Non-Pecuniary/Non-Significant conflict of interest in relation to the address by Mr Kurt Cornell. Councillor Maheswaran declared that he knew Mr Cornell as he is a member of the local Labor Party and managed his conflict by remaining in the meeting during Mr Cornell's address to Council.

9.2 Building Compliance in Strathfield Area – Mr David Star

Mr Star addressed the meeting to express his concern that due to the increase of new development in the Strathfield area, there is a lack of policing to check developers are adhering to building compliance and safety.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

10.4 Adequate Remuneration for Local Government Representatives – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

209/24

RESOLVED: (Maheswaran / Cai)

That:

1. Council writes to the Minister for Local Government, drawing attention to this motion and calling for the Minister to:
 - a. Change the standards by which local government remuneration is set to expressly recognise the need to provide sufficient remuneration to attract people with the skills, expertise and time required to undertake the role of a councillor, and
 - b. Provide for a sliding scale of remuneration to account for councillors that treat their role as a primary form of employment against those that do not.
2. Council officers provide a report at a Councillor Workshop on the provision of remuneration for the position of Deputy Mayor.

For the Motion: Councillors Datta, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillors Cai and Hall

11. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

CCS5 Request for a Report to Establish new Friendship Cities with Strathfield Council

RECOMMENDATION:

That a report be prepared for the incoming Council suggesting that, should they wish to explore Friendship City relationships, then these two (2) cities were recommended by the outgoing Council:

1. Taormina or S. Teodoro, Sicily
2. Nan' An, Fujian, China

MOTION: (Hall / Cai)

That Council adopt the following cities as Friendship Cities and write to the Friendship City Council to formalise a mutual agreement:

1. Taormina, Sicily
2. Nan'An, Fujian, China
3. Kiwirok, West Papua

210/24

RESOLVED: (Hall / Cai)

That Council adopt the following cities as Friendship Cities and write to the Friendship City Council to formalise a mutual agreement:

1. Taormina or S. Teodoro, Sicily
2. Nan' An, Fujian, China
3. Kiwirok, West Papua

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CCS6 Council Protocol

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Draft Council Protocol 2024

MOTION: (Datta / Hall)

That Council adopts the Draft Council Protocol 2024 subject to the amendment to **clause 10 Council**

Publications to read as follows:

Mayoral letters from the Mayor in their official capacity are to display images of the Mayor only where appropriate.

Operational communications to residents for example letters that inform them of traffic implications for an event, will come from Council staff and will not contain images or names of councillors or the Mayor. Councillors shall be emailed copies of general operational communication sent to residents for their information only.

Operational communications to residents including all policies for exhibition, upcoming events (e.g. printed and eNewsletters) will contain images and names of all councillors.

211/24

RESOLVED: (Hall / Datta)

That Council adopts the Draft Council Protocol 2024 subject to the amendment to clause **10 Council Publications to read as follows**

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CCS7 Amendment of Minutes for Council Meeting on 6 December 2022 and Review of Minutes for Council Meetings 7 March 2022 and 7 March 2023 and Councillor Workshop 14 May 2024

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 7 March 2022 be amended so that the Declarations of Interest for Councillor Cai read:

Councillor Cai declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest for item *8.1 Mayoral Minute 3/22 - Lions Club Celebrating 75 Years*

MOTION: (Maheswaran /)

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 7 March 2022 be amended so that the Declarations of Interest for Councillor Cai read:

Councillor Cai declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest for item *8.1 Mayoral Minute 3/22 - Lions Club Celebrating 75 Years*

The Motion had no seconder and after consideration Councillor Maheswaran then withdrew the Motion.

Therefore, as a result the item lapsed.

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Councillor Hall declared a Non-Pecuniary/Significant conflict of interest for item *PE1 Council Submissions - Homebush Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Masterplan, Explanation of Intended Effect and the Proposed Changes to State Significant Development (SSD) Assessment Pathways* and managed the Conflict of Interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Hall declared she has property leased in the zoning area covered in the submission.

Councillors Cai, Hall and Maheswaran left the meeting, the time being 8:00pm

RECOMMENDATION

1. That a detailed Submission for Council consideration will be provided as a Supplementary Report, to be tabled at the 13 August Council meeting is noted.
2. That Council endorses the content of this report, for the Homebush Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Masterplan.
3. That the TOD Masterplan and proposed changes to the Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2012 are anticipated to increase the total population of the entire precinct to 22,900 dwellings (of which 12,540 dwellings will be in Strathfield and 10,360 will be in Canada Bay) is noted.
4. **That Council authorises the General Manager to sign and submit Councils' submission for the Homebush TOD to the NSW Government by 5pm on 16 August 2024.**
5. That Council requests that the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces allow the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure extends the NSW Governments announced deadline (November 2024) for the making of the proposed amendments to the Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2012 (via a self-repealing State Environmental Planning policy) so that all matters are adequately investigated and reflected in the proposed changes.
6. That Council notes that the key issues outlined in the Submission (refer to Supplementary Report) including, but not limited to, concerns that the Masterplan does not adequately address:
 - a. Need for quality open space, including training and sporting needs given Councils playing fields are already at capacity
 - b. Impacts of stormwater issues
 - c. Provision of public transport, including the area where Council currently provides a bus service as no other public transport is provided by the NSW government
 - d. Transformation of Parramatta Road
 - e. Provision of public open space near the Old Theatre site and other areas within the Precinct
 - f. Future planning controls that will provide clear and efficient guidance to achieve quality development in the precinct
 - g. Links to recreation and economic opportunities at Olympic Park
 - h. A methodology for land acquisition for open space
 - i. The practical allocation of s7.12 contribution plan funds across the two local government areas
 - j. Environmental impacts
 - k. Key statutory requirements for changes to environmental planning instruments, including s9.1 Ministerial Directions

- I. Adequate and timely provision of state social infrastructure including schools and hospital beds
7. That Council delegates authority to the General Manager to advise the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to make a s7.12 Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan for the Homebush TOD
8. That Council confirms to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and the Secretary Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure that Council seeks a s7.12 rate for the Homebush TOD which properly reflects the cost of local infrastructure to be delivered.
9. That Council notes that a submission that has been provided to the NSW Government in relation to the Explanation of Intended Effects 'Pathway of change to support Transport Orientated Development', on the 9 August 2024 and that Council endorse the content of the submission (**Attachment 1**) so that a final version can be supplied to the Department.

Due to a lack of quorum the item was declared lapsed.

Councillors Cai, Hall and Maheswaran returned to the meeting, time being 8:01pm.

PE2 Draft Electrical Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Policy

Councillor Maheswaran declared a Non-Pecuniary/Significant conflict of interest for item *PE2 Draft Electrical Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Policy* and managed the Conflict of Interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Maheswaran declared he has a close personal friend who had had a managerial role in a company mentioned in previous reports associated with this matter when it was before Council.

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

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council places the draft Electrical Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Policy (Attachment 1) on public exhibition.
2. After public exhibition, that should there be negligible feedback, Council delegate to the General Manager to finalise the Electrical Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Policy.

MOTION (Cai / Datta)

1. That Council places the draft Electrical Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Policy (Attachment 1) on public exhibition.
2. After public exhibition, that should there be negligible feedback, Council delegate to the General

Manager to finalise the Electrical Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Policy.

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RESOLVED: (Cai / Datta)

1. That Council places the draft Electrical Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Policy (Attachment 1) on public exhibition.
2. After public exhibition, that should there be negligible feedback, Council delegate to the General Manager to finalise the Electrical Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Policy.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Maheswaran returned to the meeting, the time being 8:02pm.

Councillor Cai left the meeting, the time being 8.02pm.

PE4 Draft Infrastructure Contributions Plan

Councillor Maheswaran declared a Non-Pecuniary/Significant conflict of interest for item *PE4 Draft Infrastructure Contributions Plan* and managed the Conflict of Interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Maheswaran declared he had not reviewed the attachments to the report but same conflict as PE1.

Councillor Maheswaran left the meeting, the time being 8:02pm.

Councillor Cai returned to the meeting, the time being 8:04pm.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council endorses the draft Strathfield Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2024 be placed on Public Exhibition.
2. That Council authorises the General Manager to make technical updates prior to Public Exhibition to the draft Strathfield Local Infrastructure Contributions plan 2024 (including changes to apportionment costs in the work schedule), to ensure alignment with the draft Homebush Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan.
3. That Council authorises the lodgement of the draft Strathfield Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2024 with NSW Government for assessment and approval of a higher rate section 7.12 contribution plan
4. That a report outlining public consultation feedback prior to adoption of the plan is received.

MOTION: (Datta / Cai)

1. That Council endorses the draft Strathfield Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2024 be placed on Public Exhibition.
2. That Council authorises the General Manager to make technical updates prior to Public Exhibition to the draft Strathfield Local Infrastructure Contributions plan 2024 (including changes to apportionment costs in the work schedule), to ensure alignment with the draft Homebush Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan.
3. That Council authorises the lodgement of the draft Strathfield Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2024 with NSW Government for assessment and approval of a higher rate section 7.12 contribution plan.
4. That a report outlining public consultation feedback prior to adoption of the plan is received.

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RESOLVED: (Datta / Cai)

1. That Council endorses the draft Strathfield Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2024 be placed on Public Exhibition.
2. That Council authorises the General Manager to make technical updates prior to Public Exhibition to the draft Strathfield Local Infrastructure Contributions plan 2024 (including changes to apportionment costs in the work schedule), to ensure alignment with the draft Homebush Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan.
3. That Council authorises the lodgement of the draft Strathfield Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2024 with NSW Government for assessment and approval of a higher rate section 7.12 contribution plan
4. That a report outlining public consultation feedback prior to adoption of the plan is received.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Maheswaran returned to the meeting, the time being 8:04pm

PE5 Delegation to General Manager regarding Council Submissions - Homebush Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Masterplan, Explanation of Intended Effect and the Proposed Changes to State Significant Development (SSD) Assessment Pathways

RECOMMENDATION

In the event of a lack of quorum in relation to item PE1 - Council submissions on *Homebush Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Masterplan, Explanation of Intended Effect and the Proposed Changes to State Significant Development (SSD) Assessment Pathways* due to Pecuniary or Significant Non-pecuniary interests being declared by Councillors, that Council delegates responsibility to the General Manager to:

1. Endorse the content of the report, report addendum and draft submission letter for the Homebush Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Masterplan attached to Item PE1.
2. Sign and submit Council's submission for the Homebush TOD to the NSW Government by 5pm on 16 August 2024.
3. Authorise the Minister of Planning and Public Spaces to make a Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan for the Homebush TOD.
4. Note that a draft submission has been provided to the NSW Government in relation to the Explanation of Intended Effects 'Pathway of change to support Transport Orientated Development', on the 9 August 2024 and that Council endorse the content of the submission as included in item PE1.

MOTION: (Hall / Datta)

In the event of a lack of quorum in relation to item PE1 - Council submissions on *Homebush Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Masterplan, Explanation of Intended Effect and the Proposed Changes to State Significant Development (SSD) Assessment Pathways* due to Pecuniary or Significant Non-pecuniary interests being declared by Councillors, that Council delegates responsibility to the General Manager to:

1. Endorse the content of the report, report addendum and draft submission letter for the Homebush Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Masterplan attached to Item PE1.
2. Sign and submit Council's submission for the Homebush TOD to the NSW Government by 5pm on 16 August 2024.
3. Authorise the Minister of Planning and Public Spaces to make a Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan for the Homebush TOD.
4. Note that a draft submission has been provided to the NSW Government in relation to the Explanation of Intended Effects 'Pathway of change to support Transport Orientated Development', on the 9 August 2024 and that Council endorse the content of the submission as included in item PE1.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Datta)

In the event of a lack of quorum in relation to item PE1 - Council submissions on *Homebush Transport*

Oriented Development (TOD) Masterplan, Explanation of Intended Effect and the Proposed Changes to State Significant Development (SSD) Assessment Pathways due to Pecuniary or Significant Non-pecuniary interests being declared by Councillors, that Council delegates responsibility to the General Manager to:

1. Endorse the content of the report, report addendum and draft submission letter for the Homebush Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Masterplan attached to Item PE1.
2. Sign and submit Council's submission for the Homebush TOD to the NSW Government by 5pm on 16 August 2024.
3. Authorise the Minister of Planning and Public Spaces to make a Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan for the Homebush TOD.
4. Note that a draft submission has been provided to the NSW Government in relation to the Explanation of Intended Effects 'Pathway of change to support Transport Orientated Development', on the 9 August 2024 and that Council endorse the content of the submission as included in item PE1.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

PE6 Draft Planning Proposal : Strathfield Medium Density Housing Strategy

Councillor Maheswaran declared a Non-Pecuniary/Significant conflict of interest for item *PE6 Draft Planning Proposal : Strathfield Medium Density Housing Strategy* and managed the Conflict of Interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Maheswaran declared he had not reviewed papers to this report but thought he would likely have the same conflict as PE1.

Councillor Maheswaran left the meeting, the time being 8:06pm.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council notes the advice provided by the Strathfield Local Planning Panel on 1 August 2024 regarding the drafting of a Planning Proposal in relation to the Strathfield Medium Density Housing Strategy.
2. That Council supports the intent of proposed amendments to the Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2012 to facilitate medium density housing consistent with the NSW Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy and Council's Medium Density Housing Strategy, as outlined in the body of the report and resolves to incorporate the proposed amendments into a Planning Proposal.
3. That Council endorses the draft Planning Proposal **Attachment 1** for lodgement with the

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for Gateway determination.

4. That Council delegates authority to the General Manager to make necessary amendments to the Planning Proposal and supporting documents arising from a Gateway Determination and prior to public exhibition.
5. That should a Gateway Determination be issued which enables public exhibition, a further report is to be presented to Council following the exhibition period. The report is to address any submissions received. A further update on the progress of the Planning Proposal is to be provided at that time.
6. That the Strathfield Development Control Plan (DCP) be reviewed and updated concurrently with the Planning Proposal to ensure consistency with the objectives and controls contained in the Planning Proposal.
7. That a report be presented to Council which outlines the proposed amendments to the DCP prior to public exhibition.
8. That a further report be brought back to Council to seek endorsement of the proposed amendments to the Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2012 and the adoption of amendments to the Strathfield Development Control Plan, following public exhibition.

MOTION: (Datta / Cai)

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2. That Council supports the intent of proposed amendments to the Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2012 to facilitate medium density housing consistent with the NSW Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy and Council's Medium Density Housing Strategy, as outlined in the body of the report and resolves to incorporate the proposed amendments into a Planning Proposal.
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8. That a further report be brought back to Council to seek endorsement of the proposed amendments to the Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2012 and the adoption of amendments to the Strathfield Development Control Plan, following public exhibition.

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RESOLVED: (Datta / Cai)

1. That Council notes the advice provided by the Strathfield Local Planning Panel on 1 August 2024 regarding the drafting of a Planning Proposal in relation to the Strathfield Medium Density Housing Strategy.
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For the Motion: Councillors Cai, Datta, Hall and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Maheswaran returned to the meeting, the time being 8:08pm.

12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

13. QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Nil

14. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil

15. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

16. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:09PM.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 22 October 2024.

Chairman_____

General Manager_____