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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BURWOOD held electronically on Tuesday 25 August 2020 commencing at 4:02pm.

**ATTENDANCE** Councillor John Faker (Mayor)  
Councillor Ernest Chan  
Councillor Heather Crichton  
Councillor Raj Dixit  
Councillor Lesley Furneaux-Cook  
Councillor George Mannah (Deputy Mayor)

Mr T Briscese, General Manager  
Mr P Brown, Acting Deputy General Manager - Corporate, Governance and Community  
Mr M Jenner, Acting Deputy General Manager – Land Infrastructure and Environment  
Mr W Armitage, Chief Finance Officer  
Ms E Wall, Internal Ombudsman  
Mr F Zincone, Group Manager – IT  
Ms L Hennessy, Group Manager - Corporate Planning and Communications  
Ms T Whitmarsh, Consultant - Governance Consultant  
Ms R Gerges, Governance Officer

#### **OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR**

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer and Acknowledgement of Country.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

There was no business for this item.

#### **APOLOGIES**

**79/20 RESOLVED** (*carried unanimously*)

That Councillor Del Duca be granted a leave of absence.

(Moved Councillor Lesley Furneaux-Cook/Seconded Deputy Mayor George Mannah)

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Mayor declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in item RC3/20 – Burwood Local Traffic Committee (regarding The Strand night bus), as he owns a property at 22 The Strand Croydon.

Cr Mannah declared a conflict of interest in item RC3/20 – Burwood Local Traffic Committee, as he owns a property in Weldon Street Burwood.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATIONS**

There were no declarations of political interests by Councillors.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****80/20 RESOLVED** *(carried unanimously)*

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council of Burwood held on Tuesday 28 July 2020, as circulated, be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceeding of the meeting.

(Moved Deputy Mayor George Mannah/Seconded Councillor Lesley Furneaux-Cook)

**ADDRESS BY THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Name	Item
Jim Walsh	Item RC3/20 – Burwood Local Traffic Committee – August 2020 (Item TIN2/20 – Brighton Street Croydon – No Parking Restrictions)

**(ITEM MM12/20) BURWOOD COUNCIL'S POSITION ON RACISM**

File No: 20/40405

**Summary**

Burwood Council has always taken a positive approach to multiculturalism and has long valued the diversity in our local community. Not only is Council a Refugee Welcome Zone, we have held numerous Harmony Day events and developed a board game for use in local schools called Different People Different Voices which sought to break down racial stereotypes.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began there has been increasing evidence, both from data and anecdotally, that racism in Australia is on the rise. Whilst the picture is not entirely clear in Burwood, I have heard reports of incidents occurring such as a person being verbally abused in public for wearing a mask and false rumours being circulated about the Chinese speaking community and links to COVID-19.

This is truly disappointing but I believe it does not represent the views of many people in our community.

However, it is important that Council shows leadership on this matter by speaking out about this issue; I propose that Burwood Council adopts a stance opposing all forms of racism including the growing incidents occurring during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we do not know the extent of the problem locally, I believe the best way to move forward would be to continue to promote the value of multiculturalism, harmony and diversity. I believe this positive approach will help to create a sense of inclusiveness and belonging for the whole community. We can remind our community that there are different ways to report any incidents of racism, either formally through the Police or through organisations like the Asian Australian Alliance. It is imperative that we also implement actions that support the community whilst continuing to gather information to help us better understand the impacts of racism locally.

**Operational Plan Objective**

- 1.2 A well informed, supported and engaged community
- 1.3 A safe community for residents, workers and visitors
- 1.4 A proud and inclusive community that celebrates diversity



**81/20 RESOLVED** *(carried unanimously)*

1. Council adopts a stance opposing all forms of racism including the growing incidents occurring during the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. The General Manager implements a communications strategy that promotes positive messages in relation to the value of multiculturalism, harmony and diversity.
3. The General Manager continues to research the extent and impacts of racism locally through all appropriate sources, including the Council's Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC).
4. The General Manager implements any current projects and activities and reports back to Council in three months on additional projects and activities that can help to reduce racism and enhance community inclusiveness and belonging.
5. Council actively promotes the different means available to the local community to report any incidents of racism.
6. Council develops a statement opposing all forms of racism with input from the MAC and other key cultural groups.

**GENERAL BUSINESS****(ITEM 83/20) COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) - COUNCIL RESPONSE PROGRESS UPDATE - AUGUST 2020**

File No: 20/38270

**Summary**

To provide Council with a progress report on activities undertaken by Burwood Council in response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic over the last six months, as well as a summary of impacts to Council's activities.

**Operational Plan Objective**

- 1.1.1 Provide a diverse range of strategies and initiatives that meet the needs of the community
- 1.2 A well informed, supported and engaged community.
- 1.2.3 Enhance communication and community engagement through innovative solutions

**82/20 RESOLVED** *(carried unanimously)*

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

(Moved Councillor Lesley Furneaux-Cook/Seconded Councillor Heather Crichton)

**(ITEM 84/20) REFERRAL OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 2019-2020 TO COUNCIL'S AUDITOR**

File No: 20/36856

**Summary**

Council's Financial Reports must be in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* (the Regulation), the Australian Accounting Standards, the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice

and Financial Reporting and the Local Government Asset Accounting Manual. This is to ensure that the Financial Reports for each year fairly present the Council's operating result and financial position for the year.

In accordance with Section 413 of the Act, Council's Annual Financial Reports must be authorised for referral to the Auditor for audit.

**Operational Plan Objective**

2.3.1 - Identify and maintain additional revenue sources to ensure financial sustainability

**83/20 RESOLVED** *(carried unanimously)*

That in accordance with Section 413(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993* and Clause 215 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, Council resolve the following:

1. That authority is granted to the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the Statements by Councillors and Management for the General Purpose Financial Reports and the Special Purpose Financial Reports for the Year Ended 30 June 2020.
2. That the signed statement be attached to the 2019-2020 Unaudited Annual Financial Reports and presented to Council's Auditor (NSW Audit Office) for the completion of the audit.
3. That the Auditor is invited to attend the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting in October 2020 that will review the Annual Financial Reports and also to attend the Council Meeting that is to adopt the audited Annual Financial Reports.

(Moved Deputy Mayor George Mannah/Seconded Councillor Heather Crichton)

**(ITEM 85/20) DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN FY2019/20 HALF YEARLY REPORT 1 JANUARY TO 30 JUNE 2020**

File No: 20/37545

**Summary**

A report on the progress of Council's Delivery Program 2018-21 is to be presented to Council on a half yearly basis in accordance with legislative requirements of the State Government's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework (406(5) of the *Local Government Act 1993*).

**Operational Plan Objective**

2.1.3.2 – Ensure that all public information is accessible and made available in a timely manner

**84/20 RESOLVED** *(carried unanimously)*

That Council endorse the Delivery Program 2018-2021 Half Yearly Report for the Period of 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020.

(Moved Councillor Lesley Furneaux-Cook/Seconded Councillor Heather Crichton)



**(ITEM 86/20) FRAUD AND CORRUPTION PREVENTION POLICY**

File No: 20/38336

**Summary**

This report proposes the adoption of an updated Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy to replace the current policy previously adopted by Council in 2013.

**Operational Plan Objective**

2.1 Community confidence in Council's decision-making

**85/20 RESOLVED** *(carried unanimously)*

That Council:

- a) rescinds the current Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy adopted by Council in 2013;
- b) adopts the draft Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy as shown at Attachment A to this report; and
- c) delegates authority to the General Manager to make minor administrative changes to the Policy if required.

(Moved Councillor Lesley Furneaux-Cook/Seconded Councillor Ernest Chan)

**(ITEM 87/20) GIFTS AND BENEFITS POLICY**

File No: 20/39984

**Summary**

Proposal to remake Council policy in relation to gifts and benefits management. Address the need to improve clarity and transparency around Council's policy position in light of contemporary statutory mandates. In particular:

1. The universal relevance of the policy to all classes of Council Officials;
2. Appropriate responses to gift offers; and
3. Proactive public release of information about offers of gifts and the responses to offers.

**Operational Plan Objective**

2.1 Community confidence in Council's decision making  
2.5 Leaders in the Local Government sector

**86/20 RESOLVED** *(carried unanimously)*

That Council defer the adoption of the Gifts & Benefits Policy for the General Manager and staff to take on board the feedback and comments made by Councillors and to look at further opportunities for training and discussion around the Policy.

(Moved Deputy Mayor George Mannah/Seconded Councillor Heather Crichton)



**(ITEM 88/20) ADOPTION OF CODE OF CONDUCT AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

File No: 20/39919

**Summary**

The *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW* (Model Code) and the *Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW* (Model Procedures) are prescribed under the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

On 14 August 2020, the NSW Office of Local Government (OLG) confirmed that amendments to both the Model Code and the Model Procedures had commenced that day under regulation. These amendments were foreshadowed a week earlier via publication of the amended instruments in the NSW Government Gazette and via a notice from the OLG to all councils. Councils are required to formally adopt the provisions of the Model Code and the Model Procedures as soon as practicable.

**Operational Plan Objective**

2.1 Community confidence in Council decision-making

**87/20 RESOLVED** (*carried unanimously*)

That Council:

1. rescind the Code of Conduct and Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct adopted by Council on 26 March 2019;
2. adopt Code of Conduct appearing as at Attachment 1 to this report;
3. adopt the Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct appearing as Attachment 2 to this report; and
4. delegate authority to the General Manager to make minor administrative changes to the Burwood Council Code of Conduct and the Burwood Council Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct.

(Moved Councillor Lesley Furneaux-Cook/Seconded Councillor Ernest Chan)

**(ITEM 89/20) AUDIT RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC) CHARTER**

File No: 20/36145

**Summary**

The Audit Risk & Improvement Committee of Burwood Council (ARIC) has reviewed its Charter and now seeks endorsement by Council of the revised version that the ARIC Charter as recommended for adoption at the ARIC meeting of 18 August.

**Operational Plan Objectives**

- 2.1 Community confidence in Council's decision making
- 2.3 Financial sustainability and organisational effectiveness

**88/20 RESOLVED** (*carried unanimously*)

That Council:

1. Approves the proposed revision of the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee (ARIC)



Charter endorsed by the ARIC on 18 August 2020 to become v6.1 of the Charter.

2. Notes that a subsequent comprehensive revision of the Charter will be required to reflect emerging statutory changes under Section 4A of the *Local Government Act 1993* once they become clearer.

(Moved Councillor Lesley Furneaux-Cook/Seconded Councillor Raj Dixit)

### **(ITEM 90/20) LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2020**

File No: 20/34927

#### **Summary**

This year the Local Government NSW Annual Conference is being held from Sunday 22 to Tuesday 24 November 2020 at the Crowne Plaza, Hunter Valley.

Council can nominate three voting delegates to vote on the motions and, as customary, observers to attend the Conference.

#### **Operational Plan Objective**

2.5.1 Provide strong leadership and advocacy on behalf of the community

#### **89/20 RESOLVED** *(carried unanimously)*

1. That Councillor Furneaux-Cook, Councillor Mannah and the Mayor with Councillor Crichton as an alternate be nominated to attend as the Voting Delegates who will be appointed as a proxy to vote on behalf of Council at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2020, to be held online from Sunday 22 to Tuesday 24 November 2020.
2. That the General Manager and other Observers be authorised to attend, and that the nominated Observers confirm their attendance by Tuesday 1 September 2020 to the General Manager.

(Moved Councillor Lesley Furneaux-Cook/Seconded Deputy Mayor George Mannah)

### **(ITEM 82/20) INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2020**

File No: 20/36863

#### **Summary**

In accordance with Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, this report details all money that Council has invested under Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

#### **Operational Plan Objective**

2.3.1 Identify and maintain additional revenue sources to ensure financial sustainability

#### **90/20 RESOLVED** *(carried unanimously)*

1. That the investment report for 31 July 2020 be received and endorsed.
2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be received and noted.

(Moved Deputy Mayor George Mannah/Seconded Councillor Heather Crichton)

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

**(ITEM RC3/20) BURWOOD LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - AUGUST 2020**

File No: 20/39037

**Summary**

Attached are the Minutes of the Burwood Local Traffic Committee from its meeting of August 2020. The Minutes are hereby submitted to the Ordinary Council Meeting for consideration and adoption by Council.

**Operational Plan Objective**

4.1.5 - Work with RMS and Transport NSW in the development of integrated transport plans

**91/20 RESOLVED** *(carried unanimously)*

That the minutes of the Burwood Local Traffic Committee of August 2020 be noted and the recommendations of the Committee as detailed below be adopted as a resolution of the Council.

**(ITEM LTC18/20) ROBINSON STREET, CROYDON - PROPOSED KISS & RIDE ZONE*****Recommendation***

That Council approves the installation of a 25.0m timed 'No Parking' Kiss & Ride zone on the western side of Robinson Street, Croydon, from 8.00am to 9.00am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm, School Days Only.

**(ITEM LTC20/20) THE STRAND CROYDON - PROPOSED NIGHT RIDE BUS ZONE*****Recommendation***

That Council approves the installation of a 'Bus Zone Midnight – 5.00am' along #3 and #8-10 The Strand Croydon for a total length of 30m.

**(ITEM LTC21/20) EVERTON ROAD STRATHFIELD - REQUEST FOR SHORT TERM PARKING AREA*****Recommendation***

That Council approves the installation of '10 Minute' parking between 9.00am – 6.00pm Monday to Saturday on the northern side of Everton Road for a length of 12 meters per the plan in the report.

**(ITEM LTC22/20) WELDON STREET BURWOOD - EXTENSION OF NO STOPPING AREA*****Recommendation***

That Council approves the conversion of the two spaces to '15 minute 9.00am – 4.30pm' parking and 'No Stopping - at all other times' restrictions fronting 60 Weldon Street.

**(ITEM TIN2/20) BRIGHTON STREET, CROYDON - NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS****No Decision – Information Item Only**

(Moved Councillor Ernest Chan/Seconded Councillor Heather Crichton)





**INFORMATION ITEMS****(ITEM IN26/20) GREENER PUBLIC SPACES PILOT PROJECT - RESPONSE TO MM11/19**

File No: 20/35840

**Summary**

At the August 2019 Council meeting, Council passed a Mayoral Minute (MM11/19) endorsing the Greener Public Spaces Pilot Project and that the Acting General Manager notify the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) of Burwood's acceptance as the pilot local government area (LGA). Also requested was a report on the results of the project.

In May 2019, the Premier of NSW established her Premier's Priorities including:

- Priority 11 – Greener Public Spaces
- Priority 12 – Greening Our City

Consequently, Burwood was selected by DPIE as the pilot LGA to assist with the development of the State definition of public spaces. Council officers assisted DPIE in developing a methodology to determine a baseline public spaces quantum to enable NSW to deliver on the priorities. Through the development of this definition DPIE changed the scope to better meet the expectations of the Premier's Priorities.

Burwood together with five other Local Government Areas was invited to participate in a new partnership to explore opportunities for the implementation of public space demonstration projects.

Council officers progressed this opportunity and entered into a funding deed in July 2020 for the Burwood Quality Public Space Demonstration Project as part of the Premier's Priority Councils Fund. Hornsey Lane was selected as a demonstration project case study.

Financial and strategic support is being provided to Council to test and demonstrate the approach to deliver quality public space developed under Priority 11, Greener Public Spaces. Council will receive \$130,000, including \$100,000 towards civil works, public art and landscaping, and \$30,000 towards community engagement activities. The project at Hornsey Lane is now in its final stages of completion.

**Operational Plan Objective**

- 2.2 Strong partnerships to benefit the community
- 3.1 Maintain and enhance green and open spaces
- 4.4 Participate in regional planning and infrastructure projects to ensure the best outcomes for the community
- 5.1 Maximise Burwood's regional and strategic status within inner western Sydney
- 5.3 Enhance and foster the local identity

**No Decision – Information Item Only**

**(ITEM IN27/20) LANDSCAPING OF DEVELOPMENT SITES - RESPONSE TO MM15/19**

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File No: 20/35841

**Summary**

At the October 2019 Council meeting, Council passed a Mayoral Minute (MM15/19) to investigate methods that will enable the standard of landscaping at 2A Elsie St Burwood be applied to all developments in Burwood. The methods of which were requested be incorporated into a review of the Burwood Local Environmental Plan 2012 (BLEP) and Burwood Development Control Plan (BDCP) and an update be reported to Council following the adoption of the Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS).

Highlights of the landscaping at 2A Elsie Street include the installation of mature plants; articulation of layers of landscaping and setbacks; integrated coverings for utility services including fire safety and power; and a mix of materials adding interest and colour.

The General Manager has investigated methods to incorporate improved standards of landscaping into planning controls. These include:

1. Implementation of the LSPS which contains many direct and indirect beautification actions leading to improved ecological sustainability;
2. Completion of the Burwood LGA Masterplan which will identify opportunities for concentrated and integrated public domain improvements;
3. Updating of the BDCP to proactively enhance Council's influence on the processes and requirements for specific public domain elements within developments at the time of development assessment; and
4. Completion and integration within the BDCP of the Local Character Investigation Areas identified in the LSPS within the town centre which will contain site-specific controls for enhancing Burwood's landscaping requirements and development standards.

The BDCP and BLEP will be subject to amendment to give effect to the LSPS. This process including robust public consultation (as appropriate under current COVID-19 restrictions) will occur over the next six months. It is Council's intention for the planning instruments to provide high quality landscaping integrated into different development types, streetscape and detailed aspects of site and building design to ultimately be applied to all developments in Burwood resulting in improved outcomes for the community.

**Operational Plan Objective**

4.3.1 Planning Policies to enhance and promote architectural integrity and aesthetically appealing buildings.

**No Decision – Information Item Only****(ITEM IN28/20) REVISION TO SOFT LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS - RESPONSE TO NM2/20**

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File No: 20/39218

**Summary**

At the March 2020 Council meeting, Council passed a Notice of Motion (NM2/20) to investigate revisions to relevant codes and/or policies for soft landscaping and access

requirements.

The General Manager has investigated relevant codes and/or policies. These included:

- Burwood Landscaping Code (2010)
- Burwood Development Control Plan (2013)
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008

Council is bound by the various requirements for landscaping percentages for different development types. The Burwood Council documents will be undergoing revisions as part of the upcoming Burwood Local Environmental Plan (BLEP) amendment process over the next six months.

The need for landscaping within developments, including single dwelling residential developments, continues to decrease the area's urban heat index, provide habitat for various fauna and contribute to the beautification of Burwood.

In the interim, Council staff will consider landscaping requirements on an individual basis when required to assist the residents' of Burwood in extenuating circumstances.

### **Operational Plan Objective**

- 1.1.1 Provide a diverse range of strategies and initiatives that meet the needs of the community

### **No Decision – Information Item Only**

### **(ITEM IN29/20) INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF INSTALLING AN ATTACHMENT TO EXISTING RUBBISH BINS IN THE TOWN CENTRE FOR THE COLLECTION OF CANS/BOTTLES**

File No: 20/39985

### **Summary**

At the September 2019 Council meeting, Council approved Mayoral Minute Item MM14/19 Additional Waste Bins Near Bus Stops Within Town Centres.

### **Operational Plan Objective**

- 3.1.3 Ensure regular cleaning and maintenance of local areas to prevent damage to the environment
- 3.2 Provide sustainable waste management practices
- 3.2.1 Promote existing recycling services
- 3.2.2 Identify emerging waste management solutions
- 3.3 Educate the community on sustainable practices
- 3.3.3 Encourage the community to take pride in the cleanliness and maintenance of the area
- 3.4.3 Ensure planning promotes environmentally sustainable development to reduce impacts on the environment
- 5.3.2 Maintain an attractive Burwood CBD

Council currently has 105 B-tidy bins in either 120L or 240L sizes within the Burwood LGA.

A trial is proposed to replace up to four existing 240L general waste b-tidy bins along Burwood Road with a set of two 120L bins side by side. One of the 120L bins will be dedicated to recycling and the other to general waste. Proper disposal in each of the bins will effectively reduce the waste generation going to landfill by 50% or equivalent to 10 tonnes of waste per annum.

The trial is proposed to occur over six months.

The 'Once Off' cost associated with this proposal is as follows:

Activity	Rate	Estimated Cost Per Set
Supply of Bin Casing 120L	\$2,538 \ unit	\$20,304
Ash Receptacle Stainless Steel	\$512 \ unit	\$ 2,048
Installation per bin set	\$200 \ unit	\$ 800
Management Module	\$60 \ unit	\$ 480
<b>Total 'Once Off' Cost to supply and install GST Exclusive :</b>		<b>\$23,632</b>

The "ongoing maintenance costs" associated for the additional bins:

Activity	Additional Rate per Week	Estimated Cost for four sets Proposed per Year
Collection & Disposal	\$25.00 \ set of bins	\$5,200
Cleaning of Housing	\$17.50 \ set of bins	\$3,640
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$42.50 \ set of x2 120L bins</b>	<b>\$8,840</b>

The trial will be deemed successful based on two measures:

- Utilisation rates of the recyclable bins. This will be measured by the management modules inserted within the bins which use smart technology to measure the volume of waste in the bin at any time; and
- Level of contamination. The waste collected within the recyclable bins must meet a high level of recyclable materials and not be considered contaminated with general waste. If contaminated, the waste will be required to be mixed with the general waste and disposed accordingly, thus negating the benefit of providing the recyclable bins.

Should the trial be successful, future locations will be identified and implemented within the LGA.

**92/20**

**RESOLVED** (*carried unanimously*)

1. That Council approve the once off and additional ongoing maintenance cost expenditures detailed above.
2. That the Council authorise the General Manager to proceed with the six month trial.
3. That the General Manager report the results of the trial to Council for further consideration.

(Moved Deputy Mayor George Mannah/Seconded Councillor Lesley Furneaux-Cook)

**(ITEM IN30/20) MAYORAL DISCRETIONARY GRANTS - SMALL DONATIONS MADE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2020**

File No: 20/37227

**Summary**

The Discretionary Grants – Small Donations Policy was reviewed by Council and adopted on 12 December 2017. As part of the Policy requirements a list of donations made is to be reported to Council on a quarterly basis. The table attached in the report details all the Discretionary Grants for the quarter ending 30 June 2020.

**No Decision – Information Item Only****(ITEM IN31/20) PETITIONS**

File No: 20/36826

**Summary**

Petitions received are reported to Council on a monthly basis. Council has received one petition since the July 2020 Council Meeting.

**Operational Plan Objective**

2.1.1 Provide opportunities for discussions and report decisions back to the community

**Background**

<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Petition Subject</b>	<b>No. of Households and Businesses within the LGA</b>	<b>No. of Households outside the LGA</b>	<b>Responsible Council Division</b>
27 July 2020	Petition requesting that Council investigate the issue of crows and cockatoos causing damage to properties and fruit trees at Minna Street Burwood and neighbouring streets.	17	0	Land, Infrastructure and Environment

**Comments**

That Council notes that the Petitions have been referred to the appropriate Council Officers for attention.

**No Decision – Information Item Only**

**(ITEM IN32/20) ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE - COUNCIL MEETING OF 28 JULY 2020**

File No: 20/37073

**Summary**

At the Council Meeting of 28 July 2020 the following Questions without Notice (QWN) were submitted by Councillors. Council Officers responded to the QWN and Councillors were notified on 11 August 2020 of the outcome of the QWN.

**Operational Plan Objective**

2.1.3 Ensure transparency and accountability in decision making.

This is now submitted as part of the Council Agenda for Public Notification:

<b>QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – COUNCIL MEETING OF 28 JULY 2020</b>	
<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
<p><b><u>Councillor Heather Crichton</u></b></p> <p><b>Question 1:</b></p> <p>Does the General Manager promote via our social media platforms the enhanced features of the new Burwood Council website specifically: the “translate” feature, allowing the entire website to instantly translate into nine (9) community languages, and the search tools available under the Planning &amp; Building tab?</p>	<p><b><u>Group Manager Corporate Planning and Communications</u></b></p> <p>Council has included in its social media planning schedule the promotion of the website features including translation and E-Planning.</p> <p>Council has promoted the multilingual features and the E-Planning success in its E-Newsletters and will continue to do so in coming weeks.</p>
<p><b><u>Councillor Lesley Furmeaux-Cook</u></b></p> <p><b>Question 1:</b></p> <p>What can Council do to ensure the safety of residents near the corner of Culdees Road and Liverpool Road where there has been a number of accidents? Has representation been made to the state government agencies?</p>	<p><b><u>Manager Traffic &amp; Transport</u></b></p> <p>As Liverpool Road is a classified arterial road it falls under the jurisdiction of Transport for NSW. A request was sent to TfNSW earlier this year to review this location with a view of installing either guard rail or ‘Elsholz Kerb’ (i.e. a safety barrier style redirective kerb, similar to a section of kerb in place further east on Liverpool Rd) on the southern side of Liverpool Road west of Culdees Road.</p>
<p><b><u>Councillor Lesley Furmeaux-Cook</u></b></p> <p><b>Question 2:</b></p>	<p><b><u>Group Manager Assets &amp; Infrastructure</u></b></p>

<p>What was the community consultation process for the proposed new netball courts at Henley Park and how can residents see / comment on the design?</p>	<p>Over the last few years Mayor, Councillors and staff have received representation from residents and sporting associations for the creation of multipurpose courts in Grant Park. Particular requests came from various Netball associations, highlighting the lack of netball courts in the LGA despite a strong athlete community.</p> <p>In light of the above, Council applied for and received the grant funding amount of \$1.0mil from the State Government’s Greater Sydney Sport Facility Fund (GSSFF) to build the Grant Park Netball Courts and Extension to the EAC Car Park joint project. The announcement was made in June 2020.</p> <p>The best and natural location for the new netball/multipurpose courts is between Shelly Street and Ann Street (slightly closer to Shelly Street to preserve the existing mature trees beside Ann Street), and adjacent to Enfield Aquatic Centre and the existing; fenced, off leash dog area. An extension to the current EAC carpark is being provided by Council, which adds further distance between the courts and pool, and greater car parking opportunities for both.</p> <p>The proposed design of the multipurpose courts and car park will be placed on Council’s website for information once finalized.</p>
<p><b><u>Councillor Lesley Furmeaux-Cook</u></b></p> <p><b>Question 3:</b></p> <p>Has council received any indication that Flower Power is set to be redeveloped as per their approved plans?</p>	<p><b><u>Group Manager Building &amp; Development</u></b></p> <p>Building &amp; Development staff have had no contact with any representatives from Flower Power regarding lodgement of a DA for this site.</p>

**No Decision – Information Item Only**

**QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

The following Questions Without Notice were submitted at the Meeting:

**Councillor Heather Crichton**

**Question 1:**

Does Council currently have a policy around power poles (smart poles – encouraging wires to go underground), particularly in our town centre?



**Councillor Lesley Furneaux-Cook****Question 1:**

Regarding the wall collapse on Liverpool Road, is this the same company that was involved in the collapse on Burwood Road, and do we refer these incidents to the newly appointed Building Commissioner?

**Question 2:**

What is Council's policy on storage trailers and boats?

**Question 3:**

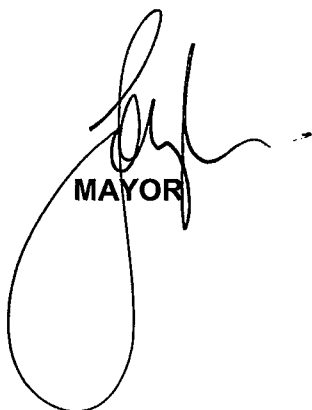
Regarding the issue of access to high rise buildings in the event of a fire, have we had any further communication with the State Government and an indication that there will be an ability to have an aerial appliance in Burwood to ensure the safety of Burwood residents?

**Councillor John Faker****Question 1:**

Can the General Manager or staff provide an update regarding any recent development approvals by the NSW Planning Panel or by Council staff or the Local Government Planning Panel that took into consideration Council's Policy to provide some form of street art, and if so, what was the outcome?

This concluded the business of the meeting and Council rose at 5:29pm.

Confirmed this Tuesday, 22 September 2020.



MAYOR