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#### HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

#### ON 25 MARCH 2025

PRESENT:	Mayor, Councillor El-Hayek
	Councillors Abu-Samen, Akther, Asfour, Blood, Cahill, Coorey, Harika, Lindsay, Raffan, Saleh OAM, Stavrinos, Walsh, Walther, Zakhia
APOLOGIES	Nil
	HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.15 PM.
	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
	THE MAYOR ACKNOWLEDGED THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND, WATER AND SKIES OF WHERE WE ARE MEETING TODAY THE DARUG (DARAG, DHARUG, DARUK AND DHARUK) PEOPLE AND PAID RESPECT TO DARUG CULTURAL HERITAGE, BELIEFS AND RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND. THE MAYOR ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED FIRST PEOPLES' CONTINUING IMPORTANCE TO OUR COMMUNITY.
SECTION 1:	LEAVE OF ABSENCE
SECTION 1:	Nil
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SECTION 2:	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
(118)	CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. CAHILL
( -)	RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 February 2025 be adopted.
	- CARRIED
SECTION 3:	DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR NON-PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST
	In respect to Item 11.4 – Vale Peter Spanos, Councillor Stavrinos declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given his Lincle and Mr Spanos' wife

significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given his Uncle and Mr Spanos' wife are first cousins and as such he will vacate the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 12.1 – Children's Services Overview, Councillor Saleh OAM declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given he is an office holder at the Riverwood community centre which is subject of the report and as such he will vacate the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

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In respect to Item 12.3 – Mattress Collection and Processing – SSROC T2024-06, Councillor Walther declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her employer has a working relationship with one of the proponents being considered as part of the report and as such she will vacate the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

#### SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES

#### ITEM 4.1 SES 70TH ANNIVERSARY

#### (119) CLR. EL-HAYEK

**RESOLVED** that Council

- 1. Acknowledge and thank the dedicated men and women of the Canterbury SES and Bankstown SES units on behalf of all our community.
- 2. Present Unit Commander Chris Nelson of Canterbury SES, and Unit Commander Chris Watts, of Bankstown SES with Certificates of Appreciation.

- CARRIED

## ITEM 4.2 CREATIVE WRITING CHALLENGE (120) CLR. EL-HAYEK RESOLVED that Council staff work with members of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee, to establish the Mayor's Creative Writing Challenge.

- CARRIED

#### ITEM 4.3 YOUTH ADVISORY WORKING GROUP

#### (121) CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that Council establish a Youth Advisory Working Group and seek expressions of interest from the youth in our City, and to promote this during NSW Youth Week 9-17 April 2025.

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#### ITEM 4.4 LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS

#### (122) CLR. EL-HAYEK

**RESOLVED** that

- 1. Council support a fee waiver of \$164.25 towards Older Women's Network, "Recipes for connection" event for the hire of Bankstown Arts Centre.
- 2. Council support a donation of \$500 to Bridging the Edge Inc towards the delivery of the launch event of the book "My Journey, History and Lessons", authored by Dr Cheiban Haykal.
- 3. Council support a donation of \$500 to the Islamic Women's Welfare Association towards the delivery of their Refugee Week Event.
- 4. These funds be made available from the Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program Budget.

- CARRIED

#### SECTION 5: ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

#### (123) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

**RESOLVED** that

- 1. In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council adopts all the recommendations of Items 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 10.1 and 11.5.
- 2. Standing Orders be suspended and the above items be dealt with now.
- 3. Standing Orders then be resumed.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.2 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE - AMENDMENT TO 2025 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

#### (124) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

**RESOLVED** that

 The 2025 Schedule of Council Meetings be amended – whereby the June 2025 Ordinary Meeting of the Council be rescheduled from Tuesday 24 June 2025 to Tuesday 17 June 2025.

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2. Council agree to the temporary administrative changes, as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

#### ITEM 8.3 ADOPTION OF DRAFT CATCHMENT AND WATERWAYS STRATEGIC PLAN

#### (125) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that Council adopt the draft Catchment and Waterways Strategic Plan (Attachment 1) and consider priority actions as part of future Operational Plans.

- CARRIED

#### ITEM 8.4 CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025

#### (126) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

**RESOLVED** that

- 1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 28 February 2025 be received and noted.
- 2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be noted.

- CARRIED

# ITEM 10.1MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 11 MARCH 2025(127)CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOSRESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury-<br/>Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 11 March 2025, be adopted.

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#### ITEM 11.5 POTENTIAL FUTURE USE OF BUILDING FORMERLY USED AS THE PUNCHBOWL BABY HEALTH CENTRE

#### (128) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that investigation of the potential future use of the building formerly used as the Punchbowl Baby Health Centre be undertaken.

- CARRIED

#### SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

#### (129) CLR. COOREY:/CLR. ZAKHIA

**RESOLVED** that

- 1. Standing Orders be suspended and Items 11.4 and 11.9 be dealt with now.
- 2. Standing Orders then be resumed.

- CARRIED

#### ITEM 11.4 VALE PETER SPANOS

In respect to Item 11.4 – Vale Peter Spanos, Councillor Stavrinos declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given his Uncle and Mr Spanos' wife are first cousins and as such he vacated the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

CLR STAVRINOS TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.30 PM.

#### (130) CLR. WALTHER:/CLR. ZAKHIA

RESOLVED that Council

- 1. Recognises the lifelong contribution of Peter Spanos to the Panania and East Hills community, acknowledging his five decades of dedicated service as a barber, friend, and beloved local figure.
- 2. Reallocate a portion of my Ward Funds (up to \$5,000) towards an appropriate memorial or plaque in the Panania Town Centre and for Council to work with the Spanos family to determine a suitable tribute.

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3. Present a Mayoral certificate and letter of gratitude to the family of Peter Spanos in recognition of his enduring contribution to enriching the lives and community of Panania and East Hills.

- CARRIED

CLR STAVRINOS RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 6.35 PM.

#### ITEM 11.9 MACEDONIAN VICTIMS HONOURED

#### (131) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. CAHILL

RESOLVED that Council raises the Macedonian flag at Bankstown for 1 day as a mark of respect to the families and loved ones of the 59 innocent people who lost their lives in a devastating fire in Kocani.

- CARRIED

#### ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

#### (132) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. HARIKA

RESOLVED that His Worship the Mayor adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes to raise the Macedonian flag.

- CARRIED

#### HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6.40 PM.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED AT 7.15 PM.

SECTION 6: PLANNING MATTERS

ITEM 6.1 REPORT ON COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE IN THE ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR, CLAUSE 4.6 VARIATIONS APPROVED FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR, PLANNING RELATED LEGAL APPEALS, AND THE STATUS OF CURRENT PLANNING PROPOSALS

(133) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. WALSH RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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SECTION 7:	POLICY MATTERS
SECTION 7:	PULICT WATTERS

Nil

#### SECTION 8: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

## ITEM 8.1 SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS AND REPURPOSING INITIATIVES - MORRIS IEMMA INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE

(134) CLR. SALEH OAM:/CLR. AKTHER

**RESOLVED** that

- 1. Council endorse the service improvements at the Morris lemma Indoor Sports Centre (MIISC) as outlined in this report.
- 2. The implementation and reporting of these improvements and initiatives be made through Council's Quarterly Review process.

- CARRIED

CLR COOREY TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.43 PM.

ITEM 8.2CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE - AMENDMENT TO 2025 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGSTHIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 124 ON PAGE<br/>THREE OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 8.3 ADOPTION OF DRAFT CATCHMENT AND WATERWAYS STRATEGIC PLAN

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 125 ON PAGE FOUR OF THESE MINUTES.

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#### ITEM 8.4 CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 126 ON PAGE FOUR OF THESE MINUTES.

#### SECTION 9: SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

#### ITEM 9.1 CLEAN AND GREEN LOCAL NSW 2024 POLICY AGENDA

#### (135) CLR. WALSH:/CLR. RAFFAN

RESOLVED that Council notes the excellent compliance against the items listed in the "Clean, Green and Local NSW 2024" and that no new policy positions are required.

- CARRIED

CLR BLOOD REQUESTED THAT HIS NAME BE RECORDED AS HAVING VOTED AGAINST THIS RESOLUTION.

CLR COOREY RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.45 PM.

CLR STAVRINOS TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.45 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.46 PM.

#### SECTION 10: COMMITTEE REPORTS

## ITEM 10.1MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 11 MARCH 2025THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 127 ON PAGE<br/>FOUR OF THESE MINUTES.

- SECTION 11: NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE
  - ITEM 11.1 STATUS OF PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION MARCH 2025

#### (136) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. HARIKA

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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#### ITEM 11.2 NOTICE OF RESCISSION - ITEM 11.20 OF COUNCIL MEETING ON 25 FEBRUARY 2025 - URGENT HERITAGE INTERVENTION FOR 212-222 CANTERBURY ROAD, CANTERBURY

## **MOTION** That the following Council resolution (113) from the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 February 2025 be rescinded.

That the Council Director of Planning and the Chief Executive Officer urgently convene a meeting with the owner and/or applicant for DA505/2017 which enables demolition of the properties at 212-222 Canterbury Road, Canterbury to explore their willingness to halt demolition and consider an alternative development that retains these buildings of significant heritage vale.

CLRS ASFOUR, WALSH AND CAHILL ADVISED THE CHAIR THAT THEY ARE WITHDRAWING THEIR NOTICE OF MOTION.

#### MOTION WITHDRAWN

AT THIS STAGE OF THE MEETING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 15.4 OF THE CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE, HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR ISSUED A FIRST WARNING AT 7.50 PM TO COUNCILLOR COOREY FOR AN ACT OF DISORDER.

#### ITEM 11.3 E-SCOOTERS

#### (137) CLR. SALEH OAM:/CLR. AKTHER

RESOLVED that Council write to the NSW Transport Minister, the Hon John Graham requesting Transport for NSW prepare a funded action plan for it, and councils, to improve road safety for E-scooters using the recommendations from the legislative council portfolio committee number six enquiring into the use of E-Scooters, E-Bikes and related mobility options, excluding recommendation 8 and 23 to guide the action plan.

- CARRIED

CLRS STAVRINOS AND ZAKHIA STOOD FOR A DIVISION

- For:- Clrs Raffan, Blood, Walsh, Cahill, Harika, Asfour, Saleh, Akther, Coorey and Mayor El-Hayek
- Against:- Clrs Abu-Samen, Zakhia, Stavrinos, Walther and Lindsay

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#### ITEM 11.4 VALE PETER SPANOS

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 130 ON PAGE FIVE OF THESE MINUTES

#### ITEM 11.5 POTENTIAL FUTURE USE OF BUILDING FORMERLY USED AS THE PUNCHBOWL BABY HEALTH CENTRE

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 128 ON PAGE FIVE OF THESE MINUTES.

#### ITEM 11.6 PUBLIC TOILETS IN PUNCHBOWL

#### (138) CLR. SALEH OAM:/CLR. AKTHER

RESOLVED that Council investigate the provision of public toilets in the Punchbowl Town Centre, including the feasibility of returning the toilets on The Boulevard to operation and consideration of other options.

- CARRIED

CLR ASFOUR TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 8.01 PM AND RETURNED AT 8.02 PM.

#### ITEM 11.7 LOCAL LITTER CAMPAIGN

#### (139) CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. SALEH OAM

**RESOLVED** that

- 1. A briefing be given to Council outlining past and proposed litter reduction and education campaigns.
- 2. The presentation should consider priority litter issues and future target areas, cost considerations and potential funding sources from appropriate government departments and other organisations.

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#### ITEM 11.8 GIBSON AVENUE, PADSTOW

#### (140) CLR. WALSH:/CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that the Council traffic team investigate options to reduce speeding and enhance pedestrian safety on the stretch of Gibson Avenue alongside Playford Park in Padstow and seeks ways of mitigating truck parking along the stretch of Gibson Avenue.

- CARRIED

#### ITEM 11.9 MACEDONIAN VICTIMS HONOURED

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 131 ON PAGE SIX OF THESE MINUTES.

#### ITEM 11.10 PUBLIC SECTOR PROTECTION

#### MOTION CLR RAFFAN:/CLR. ASFOUR

That Council

- 1. Writes to Federal Opposition Leader Peter Dutton calling on him to give a commitment before the next election that he will not follow in the footsteps of US President Donald Trump and slash and burn public service jobs and Government services.
- 2. Acknowledges the dedicated efforts of the staff at Canterbury Bankstown Council and expresses thanks for their hard work delivering services to our community every day.

#### AMENDMENT CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

That Council acknowledge the dedicated efforts of the staff at Canterbury Bankstown Council and expresses thanks for their hard work delivering services to our community every day.

LOST

#### THE AMENDMENT WAS LOST.

CLRS ZAKHIA AND ASFOUR STOOD FOR A DIVISION

For:- Clrs Abu-Samen, Zakhia, Stavrinos, Coorey, Walther and Lindsay

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Against:- Mayor El-Hayek, Clrs Raffan, Blood, Walsh, Cahill, Harika, Asfour, Saleh and Akther

#### (141) CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ASFOUR

**RESOLVED** that Council

- 1. Writes to Federal Opposition Leader Peter Dutton calling on him to give a commitment before the next election that he will not follow in the footsteps of US President Donald Trump and slash and burn public service jobs and Government services.
- 2. Acknowledges the dedicated efforts of the staff at Canterbury Bankstown Council and expresses thanks for their hard work delivering services to our community every day.

- CARRIED

CLRS ZAKHIA, STAVRINOS, COOREY, WALTHER AND LINDSAY REQUESTED THAT THEIR NAMES BE RECORDED AS HAVING VOTED AGAINST THIS RESOLUTION.

CLR BLOOD TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 8.15 PM AND RETURNED AT 8.16 PM.

#### ITEM 11.11 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT

#### (142) CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ASFOUR

**RESOLVED** that Council

- 1. Acknowledges Dr Gihane Endrawes, a lecturer at Western Sydney University, who is undertaking vital research which will examine the link between domestic violence and mental health issues among women in CALD communities in our City.
- 2. Support Dr Endrawes by promoting her project through our corporate and social media channels, with our network of relevant community organisations, and by waiving the fees to conduct an information session and workshop in each Ward.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.12 PROTECT AND EXPAND GREEN SPACE IN EARLWOOD: COMPLETING THE WOLLI CREEK NATIONAL PARK GREEN CORRIDOR VIA UNWIN STREET

MOTION CLR. COOREY:/CLR. STAVRINOS

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#### That Council

- 1. Recognises the importance of protecting and expanding the green space surrounding Unwin Street, Earlwood, to complete the Wolli Creek National Park green corridor, acknowledging the environmental, recreational, and community benefits this will provide.
- 2. Investigates and pursues all available options for acquiring and protecting the green space along Unwin Street, including:
  - Stopping the current sale of 16-18 Bayview Avenue Earlwood (Auction 2 April 2025), which threatens to compromise the integrity of the green space.
  - Exploring opportunities for land swaps or dedications to secure additional green space.
  - Applying for relevant grants and funding to support the completion of the Unwin Green Street vision.
  - Changing the local environmental plan to zone the area as protected green space to prevent future development.
- 3. Develops a plan to integrate the Unwin Street green space into the Wolli Creek National Park green corridor, focusing on:
  - Restoring and enhancing local habitats to support biodiversity.
  - Creating pedestrian and cycling pathways that provide better access to the area while encouraging eco-friendly transport.
  - Installing interpretive signage and educational resources to inform the public about the ecological value of the area.
  - Planting native trees and plants to improve the ecological function of the green corridor.
- 4. Engages in ongoing consultation with local residents, community groups, and environmental organisations throughout the planning and implementation process to ensure the project aligns with the needs and concerns of the community.
- 5. Actively advocates to the NSW state government to have the area included in the official Wolli Creek Regional Park area, to further protect it under state-level planning policies and increase its visibility as a regional asset.
- 6. Places planning restrictions on the area to prevent any future development that could harm or fragment the green space, ensuring its long-term protection for environmental, recreational, and community use.

#### AMENDMENT CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ASFOUR

That

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- 1. Acknowledge that Council has worked very hard with the NSW Government to protect and expand the green space surrounding Unwin Street Earlwood to complete the Wolli Creek National Park acknowledged by the fact that 14-18 Unwin Street is being transferred to National Parks on completion of remediation and 2 Unwin Street is proposed to be transferred to Council.
- 2. Councillors are briefed following clarification from the NSW Government on:
  - a. Its current and proposed investment in the Wolli Creek National Park.
  - b. The current status of 14-18 Unwin Street and the timetable for the finalisation of the transfer to National Parks and Wildlife.
  - c. The current status of 2 Unwin Street, including the NSW Government's investigations of contamination, its proposed remediation and the proposed plan and timetable for it transfer to Council.
- 3. A briefing be provided to Council in respect of 16-18 Bayview Avenue, to better understand the legal and financial implications and issues associated with the matters raised in the motion as printed in the business paper.
- 4. Council write to the NSW Government and request that they engage with us to stop the sale of 16-18 Bayview Avenue Earlwood.

#### THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED TO BECOME THE MOTION.

CLRS BLOOD AND STAVRINOS STOOD FOR A DIVISION.

- For:- Clrs Raffan, Walsh, Abu-Samen, Cahill, Harika, Asfour, Saleh, Akther and Mayor El-Hayek
- Against:- Clrs Blood, Zakhia, Stavrinos, Coorey, Walther and Lindsay

#### AMENDMENT CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. COOREY

That Council

- 1. Recognises the importance of protecting and expanding the green space surrounding Unwin Street, Earlwood, to complete the Wolli Creek National Park green corridor, acknowledging the environmental, recreational, and community benefits this will provide and acknowledges the importance of the surrounding bushland and caves of the Bidjigal people.
- 2. Investigates and pursues all available options for acquiring and protecting the green space along Unwin Street before the auction date 2 April 2025, including:
  - Writing to The Hon Paul Scully MP Minister for Planning and The Hon Chris Minns MP – Premier of NSW calling on them to stop the current sale of 16-18 Bayview Avenue Earlwood (Auction 2 April 2025), which threatens to compromise the integrity of the green space.

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- Applying for relevant grants and funding to support the completion of Unwin Street Vision.
- Changing the Local Environmental Plan to zone the area as protected green space to prevent future development.
- Place a caveat on its title through the NSW Land Registry Services.
- Propose the land for the NSW Parks system through a community acquisition proposal.
- 3. Develops a plan to integrate the Unwin Street green space into the Wolli Creek National Park green corridor, focusing on:
  - Restoring and enhancing local habitats to support biodiversity.
  - Creating pedestrian and cycling pathways that provide better access to the area while encouraging eco-friendly transport.
  - Installing interpretive signage and educational resources to inform the public about the ecological value of the area and its value for the Bidjigal people.
  - Planting native trees and plants to improve the ecological function of the green corridor.
- 4. Engages in ongoing consultation with local residents, community groups, and environmental organisations throughout the planning and implementation process to ensure the project aligns with the needs and concerns of the community.
- 5. Actively advocates to the NSW state government to have the area included in the official Wolli Creek Regional Park area, to further protect it under state-level planning policies and increase its visibility as a regional asset.
- 6. Places planning restrictions on the area to prevent any future development that could harm or fragment the green space, ensuring its long-term protection for environmental, recreational, and community use.

LOST

#### THE AMENDMENT WAS LOST.

For:-CLRS BLOOD AND STAVRINOS STOOD FOR A DIVISION.For:-Clrs Blood, Zakhia, Stavrinos, Coorey, Walther and LindsayAgainst:-Clrs Raffan, Walsh, Abu-Samen, Cahill, Harika, Asfour, Saleh, Akther and Mayor<br/>El-Hayek(143)CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that

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- 2. Councillors are briefed following clarification from the NSW Government on:
  - a. Its current and proposed investment in the Wolli Creek National Park
  - b. The current status of 14-18 Unwin Street and the timetable for the finalisation of the transfer to National Parks and Wildlife
  - c. The current status of 2 Unwin Street, including the NSW Government's investigations of contamination, its proposed remediation and the proposed plan and timetable for it transfer to Council.
- 3. A briefing be provided to Council in respect of 16-18 Bayview Avenue, to better understand the legal and financial implications and issues associated with the matters raised in the motion as printed in the business paper.
- 4. Council write to the NSW Government and request that they engage with us to stop the sale of 16-18 Bayview Avenue Earlwood.

- CARRIED

AT THIS STAGE OF THE MEETING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 15.4 OF THE CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE, HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR ISSUED A SECOND WARNING AT 8.44 PM TO COUNCILLOR COOREY FOR AN ACT OF DISORDER.

CLR AKTHER TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 8.47 PM AND RETURNED AT 8.49 PM.

#### ITEM 11.13 REQUEST FOR LIVE WEBCASTING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS AND ACCOUNTABILITY AT CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN COUNCIL

#### (144) CLR. COOREY:/CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that Council defer items 1, 2 and 3 until the release of the Office of Local Government's Model Code of Meeting Practice.

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#### SECTION 12: CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

#### (145) CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ZAKHIA

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Public and the Press be excluded from the meeting to enable Council to determine Items 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

#### Item 12.1 Children's Services Overview

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

#### Item 12.2 T27-25 Management of the Roberts Park Child Care Centre

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

#### Item 12.3 Mattress Collection and Processing Services - SSROC T2024-06

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

- CARRIED

## COUNCIL RESOLVED INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION AT 9.29 PM AND REVERTED BACK TO OPEN COUNCIL AT 9.32 PM.

#### ITEM 12.1 CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW

In respect to Item 12.1 – Children's Services Overview, Councillor Saleh OAM declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given he is an office holder at the Riverwood community centre which is subject of the report and as such he vacated the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

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CLR SALEH TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 9.32 PM AND RETURNED AT 9.32 PM.

#### (146) CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. ZAKHIA

RESOLVED that the actions as outlined in this report be undertaken.

- CARRIED

#### ITEM 12.2 T27-25 MANAGEMENT OF THE ROBERTS PARK CHILD CARE CENTRE

#### (147) CLR. CAHILL:/CLR. BLOOD

**RESOLVED** that

- 1. Council agrees to conditionally accept the tender received from Roberts Park Early Learning Centre for a period of five years with a further five year option with a commencing rental of \$111,300.00 (excluding GST) per annum for the management of Roberts Park Child Care Centre, Greenacre - subject to compliance with Section 47 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, including public exhibition of the proposed lease and final resolution of Council to approve the lease.
- 2. Council publicly exhibits the proposed lease in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- 3. Council notifies the unsuccessful tenderers in writing and thank them for tendering.
- 4. At the conclusion of the public exhibition period, a further report be provided to Council for its consideration and decision.

- CARRIED

#### ITEM 12.3 MATTRESS COLLECTION AND PROCESSING SERVICES - SSROC T2024-06

In respect to Item 12.3 – Mattress Collection and Processing – SSROC T2024-06, Councillor Walther declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her employer has a working relationship with one of the proponents being considered as part of the report and as such she vacated the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

CLR WALTHER TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 9.32 PM.

(148) CLR. WALSH:/CLR. ZAKHIA

## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON 25 MARCH 2025

#### **RESOLVED** that

- Council accepts the recommendations made by SSROC, to establish a suitable listing of contractors for the Mattress Collection and Processing Services Contract – being Community Resources Limited (Soft Landings) and Envirobeds Pty Ltd - for an initial period of 5 years with an option to extend for further two years (1+1).
- 2. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to enter into a contract and sign all documentation in accordance with Council's resolution, as required.

- CARRIED

CLR WALTHER RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 9.32 PM.

#### THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.33 PM.

Mayor