



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 29 MARCH 2023

PRESENT:

Mayor Ned Mannoun
Councillor Ammoun
Councillor Goodman
Councillor Green
Councillor Hadid
Councillor Hagarty
Councillor Harle
Councillor Kaliyanda
Councillor Karnib
Councillor Macnaught (online)
Councillor Rhodes
Hon John Ajaka, Chief Executive Officer
Mr Farooq Portelli, Acting Director Corporate Support
Ms Tina Bono, Director Community & Lifestyle
Ms Lina Kakish, Acting Director Planning & Compliance
Ms Julie Scott, Acting Director City Futures
Ms Anna Rizos, Acting Director Customer & Business Performance
Mr Jason Breton, Acting Director Operations
Mr David Galpin, General Counsel, Manager Governance, Legal and Procurement
Mr Vishwa Nadan, Chief Financial Officer
Mr George Georgakis, Manager Council and Executive Services
Ms Susan Ranieri, Coordinator Council and Executive Services (minutes)

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm.

**STATEMENT REGARDING WEBCASTING
OF MEETING**

The Mayor reminded everyone that in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice (other than the Public Forum Section), the meeting is being livestreamed.

Clr Hadid non declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the following item:

Item: PLAN 02 - Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008 Amendment: 22 Box Road, Casula.

Reason: Clr Hadid's friends live on the same street who he meets occasionally.

Clr Hadid remained in the Chambers for the duration of the item.

Clr Goodman declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the following item:

Item: PLAN 02 - Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008 Amendment: 22 Box Road, Casula.

Reason: Clr Goodman lives on the same street.

Clr Goodman remained in the Chambers for the duration of this item.

Clr Hagarty declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the following items:

Item: BUS 01 - 2023 Local Government Remuneration Review - Recategorisation of Liverpool.

Reason: It deals with a matter relating to the NSW Government and as Clr Hagarty has recently been elected as a State Member of Parliament, he declared an interest.

Clr Hagarty remained in the Chambers for the duration of this item.

Item: COM 02 - Carnes Hill Recreation and Community Precinct Stage 2 - Update to Masterplan following successful WestInvest Aquatic and Leisure Centre Grant.

Reason: It deals with a matter relating to the NSW Government and as Clr Hagarty has recently been elected as a State Member of Parliament, he declared an interest.

Clr Hagarty left the Chambers for the duration of this item.

Clr Kaliyanda declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the following item:

Item: BUS 01 - 2023 Local Government Remuneration Review - Recategorisation of Liverpool.

Reason: It deals with a matter relating to the NSW Government and as Clr Kaliyanda has recently been elected as a State Member of Parliament, she declared an interest.

Clr Kaliyanda remained in the Chambers for the duration of this item.

Clr Kaliyanda declared a non-pecuniary, but significant interest in the following item:

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Clr Kaliyanda left the Chambers for the duration of this item.

PUBLIC FORUM

Presentation – items not on agenda

Nil.

Representation – items on agenda

Nil.

MAYORAL MINUTES

1. Harry Hunt Bridge
2. NSW State Election
3. The Project

ITEM NO: MAYOR 01
SUBJECT: Harry Hunt Memorial Bridge
REPORT OF: Mayor Ned Mannoun

At its meeting on 31 August, Council resolved to name the bridge on Kurrajong Road that connects Prestons to Carnes Hill 'Harry Hunt Memorial Bridge' in commemoration of the late Harry Hunt.

It is my great honour to raise this Mayoral Minute to propose a Civic Ceremony to officially name the bridge and unveil the plaque. This ceremony is a testament to the deep respect and appreciation that we hold for Harry and who was a pillar of our community. It is a time for us to reflect on his selfless service and to honour his memory.

The naming of this bridge serves as a fitting tribute to Harry's legacy, and it will stand as a symbol of his unwavering commitment to the people of Liverpool for generations to come.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all those involved in making this bridge naming possible, including the residents, the Council staff, and Harry's family and friends. Your efforts have helped us to commemorate a great man and ensure that his contributions to our city will never be forgotten.

In conclusion, it is my privilege to officially dedicate the 'Harry Hunt Memorial Bridge' on Kurrajong Road, and I invite you all to join me in commemorating this important milestone in our city's history. Thank you.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council hold a Civic Ceremony to celebrate the naming of the 'Harry Hunt Memorial Bridge' on Kurrajong Road, in memorandum of the late 'Harry Hunt'.

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: Moved: Mayor Mannoun

That the recommendation be adopted.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

ITEM NO: MAYOR 02
SUBJECT: NSW State Election
REPORT OF: Mayor Ned Mannoun

I would like to congratulate The Hon. Chris Minns, MP on being elected as the 47th Premier of New South Wales.

Furthermore, I would like to acknowledge and congratulate my councillor colleagues Nathan Hagarty and Charishma Kaliyanda on their successful election to the Parliament of New South Wales in the State seats of Leppington and Liverpool.

As they embark on this new journey, I would like wish Nathan and Charishma all the best.

I look forward to the great things you will accomplish in the years to come.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Write to The Hon. Chris Minns, MP to congratulate him on being elected as the Premier of New South Wales and express Council's willingness to work with the NSW Government to deliver much needed infrastructure and services for our region.
2. Write to all newly elected Members of NSW Parliament who represent electorates within the Liverpool LGA boundary to offer Council's congratulations and outline the infrastructure and service priorities for the City of Liverpool.

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: Moved: Mayor Mannoun

That the recommendation be adopted.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

TEM NO: MAYOR 03
SUBJECT: The Project
REPORT OF: Mayor Ned Mannoun

As the Mayor of Liverpool City Council, I believe I have an obligation to remind everyone of the importance of respecting one another - irrespective of race, religion, gender or creed. We are a diverse and multicultural community, and at the cornerstone of what makes our social fabric so unique and special is the way we celebrate our differences.

It is with great disappointment that I feel compelled to address the comments made by comedian Reuben Kaye on Network Ten's "The Project". Reuben Kaye's comments have outraged Christians and Muslims across the world.

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In conclusion, let us remember that we are all part of a larger community and that we have a responsibility to ensure that everyone is treated with dignity and respect. Let us strive to build bridges between our differences, rather than walls, and work towards creating a more tolerant and compassionate society.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council writes to the Australian Communications Media Authority (ACMA) on behalf of residents to condemn the highly offensive and crude "religious joke" made during a segment on Network Ten's, The Project on 28 February 2023. Council calls on the ACMA to make a statement regarding Reuban Kaye's comments.

NOTE: This matter was considered at the end of the meeting and is shown as the last item of these minutes.

Cllrs Hagarty and Kaliyanda left the Chambers at 2:20pm.

ITEM NO: COM 02

FILE NO: 084226.2023

SUBJECT: Carnes Hill Recreation and Community Precinct Stage 2 - Update to Masterplan following successful WestInvest Aquatic and Leisure Centre Grant

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Mayor Mannoun** **Seconded: Cllr Rhodes**

That Council:

1. Receives and notes this report; and
2. Endorse the updated Carnes Hill Recreation Precinct Masterplan, to include a 50-metre pool.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

CUSTOMER & BUSINESS PERFORMANCE REPORTS

ITEM NO: BUS 01
FILE NO: 081144.2023
SUBJECT: 2023 Local Government Remuneration Review - Recategorisation of Liverpool

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Rhodes** **Seconded: Cllr Goodman**

That Council endorses the submission lodged with the Local Government Remuneration review on the 13 December 2022 in relation to recategorising Council to “Major CBD”.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

OPERATIONS REPORTS

ITEM NO: OPER 01
FILE NO: 069325.2023
SUBJECT: City Presentation Parks Review

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Mayor Mannoun** **Seconded: Cllr Rhodes**

That Council acknowledge the outcomes described in this Parks Review with a further update on our progress in September 2023.

The Outcomes described in this review be presented to Council in satisfaction of the Resolution and in response to Councils Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan 2022-2023. These are, in summary:

1. A comprehensive register developed of all Council's assets.
2. A comprehensive program of activities led by the incoming CEO.
3. Expand the use of the Asset Management Software called Brightly®
4. Prepared its Parks Maintenance Work Standards (Appendix A) which details a baseline delivery service offering.
5. A more collegiate and collaborate industrial model.
6. Modelled resource levels through to 2031.
7. Re-opening of the Western Depot; and
8. Research and develop green efficiencies.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM NO: CTTE 01
FILE NO: 449509.2022
SUBJECT: Minutes of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Advisory Committee meeting held on 1 December 2022

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Rhodes** **Seconded: Cllr Green**

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee Meeting held on 1 December 2022; and
2. Endorses the recommendations in the Minutes, with the addition of the following:
 - **Toilet Park Facilities**
 On page 190 of the 29 March 2023 Council Agenda, the minutes state that a few bus drivers raised concerns regarding the opening times for the toilets during winter which is currently 11am. Therefore the following motion is proposed:
 - i. That Council initiates a uniform 9am opening time of all park toilet facilities in the Liverpool LGA.
 - **CCTV Cameras**
 - ii. That Council considers installation of CCTV cameras at all water parks throughout the Liverpool LGA and a report is brought to the 31 May 2023 Council meeting, outlining the practicability and costs of doing that.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM NO: QWN 01
FILE NO: 080194.2023
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Clr Harle - Consultants

Background

Council hires external consultants for a range of matters that inhouse staff may not have the necessary overall expertise.

As a Councillor I am interested in the budgetary impact of hiring external consultants.

Please address the following:

1. How much has Council spent on external Consultants, in each of the areas below, for this financial year to date?
 - a. Finances.
 - b. Legal and Governance.
 - c. Major construction projects.
 - d. Planning.
2. Who were these consultants?
3. What projects did these consultants work on?
4. Were consultants hired for areas other than those mentioned above, if so, what are they and what were their overall costs?

Response (provided by Corporate Support)

Attached is a schedule of ‘consultants’ engaged by Council from July 2022 through to February 2023. The total overall figure is \$2,128,215.

By definition, a consultant is a person or organisation engaged under contract on a temporary basis to provide recommendations or high-level specialist or professional advice to assist decision making by management. Generally, it is the advisory nature of the work that differentiates a consultant from other contractors.

On this basis, the attached schedule excludes:

- contracted staff engaged through recruitment agencies.
- temporary staff directly appointed on vacant positions.
- representatives on design excellence and planning panels.
- legal firms engaged to provide advice and represent council on various legal matters.
- contractors engaged to work under specific direction of council staff on various projects.

ITEM NO: QWN 02
FILE NO: 081379.2023
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Clr Green - Cumberland Plain Woodland Protection and Preservation

Cumberland Plain Woodlands are considered special and unique to western Sydney and have been listed as critically endangered facing a high risk of extinction. Only 6% of Cumberland Plain Woodland remains with less than 2% protected in National Parks.

Cumberland Plains Woodlands are known to be found in a number of western and south western LGAs including Liverpool.

Ecologically Cumberland Plains Woodland is important as a vital habitat for native birds, animals and plants and as such play a critical role in the ecosystem.

Can Council provide:

1. An update on the presence and locations of unique Cumberland Plain Woodlands in Liverpool LGA.
2. The actions Council currently takes in protecting and preserving Cumberland Plains Woodlands in Liverpool including ensuring the removal of vegetation species does not occur in the context of development applications.
3. Community can play an important role in preserving and protecting Cumberland Plains Woodlands, how does Council involve the community in this activity, and what community education does Council provide and/or conduct?
4. What programs does Council actively lead and/or support community led organisations in the active regeneration of Cumberland Plains Woodlands in our LGA?

Response (provided by Operations)

- 1. An update on the presence and locations of unique Cumberland Plain Woodlands in Liverpool LGA.**

The vegetation communities within the LGA, including Cumberland Plain Woodland, were last mapped by Council in 2019. This mapping indicates that there is approximately 3,000 ha of Cumberland Plain Woodland within the LGA. Most stands of Cumberland Plain Woodland are highly degraded and fragmented. Some stands occur within land managed by council, but a large portion is within private land.

2. The actions Council currently takes in protecting and preserving Cumberland Plains Woodlands in Liverpool including ensuring the removal of vegetation species does not occur in the context of development applications.

Development applications for land that contains native vegetation are typically referred to an internal technical officer for expert advice. Cumberland Plain Woodland is listed as a critically endangered ecological community under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*. Development applications for land that contains Cumberland Plain Woodland are assessed in accordance with the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, which sets the reporting and assessment requirements including the need to avoid certain impacts. However, large portions of the LGA have been biodiversity certified by the State Government, which limits Council's ability to consider impacts to biodiversity for development applications on that land.

3. Community can play an important role in preserving and protecting Cumberland Plains Woodlands, how does Council involve the community in this activity, and what community education does Council provide and/or conduct?

Council involves the community through the Environment Restoration Plan (ERP), which provides many opportunities to become involved in environmental activities. Typical community activities include planting native plants, weeding, restoration and litter removal. Other activities that volunteers can be involved in include water testing, bird watching and nature safari type programs. Participants don't need to have any special skills or knowledge to be involved as all sessions are guided by experienced staff members or external facilitators.

Council runs 12 active environmental volunteer groups which undertake on-ground works to help improve the health of bushland, including sites with Cumberland Plain Woodland. Council also hosts 8 community tree planting events per year to enhance public reserves and bushland areas by increasing the cover of native species.

Council produces four Sustaining Liverpool newsletters per year to showcase case studies & environmental activities, including topics related to native plant communities such as Cumberland Plain Woodland. A minimum of 10 community sustainability workshops are also held each year, which include sessions that inform the community about the species that live on the Cumberland Plain and their importance.

4. What programs does Council actively lead and/or support community led organisations in the active regeneration of Cumberland Plains Woodlands in our LGA?

Under the ERP, Council has a team of bush regenerators, including Council staff and contractors that routinely manage bushland, including Cumberland Plain Woodland, within Council Reserves. The outcomes of this program are regularly reported to Council's Environmental Advisory Committee.

The ERP also includes environmental projects, programs, and on-ground works that further help improve the natural environment of Liverpool by:

- Protecting and restoring Liverpool's threatened ecological communities and other bushland through bush regeneration activities – a minimum of eight bush regeneration projects are carried out each year.
- Building community networks and partnerships.
- Supporting environmental projects.
- Installing fencing and access paths for environment protection.

Last year, 54,000 plants were installed and maintained under the ERP.

ITEM NO: QWN 03
FILE NO: 083280.2023
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Clr Green - Heavy Vehicle Parking in LGA

The following questions were taken on notice at the Council meeting of 1 February 2023 in relation to agenda item **Plan 02 Review of parking permit policy**;

1. *If Council knew how many trucks were parking illegally in residential streets across Liverpool LGA and,*
2. *Has there been an audit which looked into that?*

It is noted that between January 2022-January 2023 Council received 1012 complaints regarding illegal parking of heavy vehicles in the Liverpool Local Government Area.

The majority of these complaints related to illegal parking in residential areas and 30 complaints related to illegal parking in the CBD.

Can Council please advise:

1. Out of 1012 complaints received by Council in the stated period how many fines were issued and if not why?
2. What steps is Council taking to encourage heavy vehicles compliance to parking restrictions in residential areas?

Responses (provided by Planning and Compliance)

1. ***Out of 1012 complaints received by Council in the stated period how many fines were issued and if not why?***

Fines will always be issued by officers for illegally parked heavy vehicles if the offence is proven. From 1 January 2022 to 31 January 2023, Council officers issued 1195 fines for breaches of the Road Rules relating to heavy vehicles.

2. ***What steps is Council taking to encourage heavy vehicles compliance to parking restrictions in residential areas?***

Council has published information on its Facebook page to advise the community of the NSW Road Rules, including that of heavy vehicles in residential areas not being permitted. The information advises that 15 road sections in industrial areas have been line marked and signposted to permit heavy vehicle parking after business hours. This is encouraging drivers to comply with the parking restrictions in residential areas. A link to the Facebook page is as follows:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo heavy vehicles in residential areas>

Arrangements will be made to also have this information posted on Council's webpage.

Clr Green left the Chambers at 2:45pm.

ITEM NO: QWN 04
FILE NO: 084827.2023
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Clr Kaliyanda - NSW Government Core and Cluster Program: Building Refuges for Women and Children Escaping Domestic Violence

The NSW Government has committed \$426.6million to establish and commence operation of newly built (and refurbished) core and cluster refuges for women and children escaping domestic and family violence over four years from 2022-2026. This represents the most significant capital investment.

Domestic and family violence is a serious problem, the most recent crime data shows Liverpool recorded a 3.2% increase in the offence of domestic violence assault (NSW Recorded Crime Statistics 2018-2022, BOSCAR).

Currently in southwest Sydney there are 5 existing women's refuges, under the Core and Cluster Program it is anticipated between 12-15 new refuges and 1-2 Aboriginal led women and children's refuges will be established (Communities and Justice Core and Cluster Discussion Paper, May 2022).

A briefing for Local Government was delivered on-line in the latter part 2022 that included a Local Government NSW presentation to mayors, councillors, social policy and housing professionals to gain information and resources to support the Core and Cluster Program. This is because local government is recognised as having a key role to play in partnering with and supporting local organisations that apply for funding in this program.

The third and last tranche for providers to apply for funding will be opening soon.

Please address the following:

1. Since local organisation preparing to participate in the Core and Cluster Program are primarily services providing direct crisis support and accommodation to women and children escaping domestic and family violence what practical steps is Council taking in providing support and assistance?
2. Partnership and collaboration is recognised as central to the Core and Cluster Program in the delivery of these new refuges. How will Council work in partnership with local services planning to build and operate new refuges in our LGA?

Response (provided by Community & Lifestyle and Corporate Support)

- 1. Since local organisation preparing to participate in the Core and Cluster Program are primarily services providing direct crisis support and accommodation to women and children escaping domestic and family violence what practical steps is Council taking in providing support and assistance?**

Response: Council became aware of the Core and Cluster Program in October 2022. In November 2022, Council officers from Planning and Compliance and Community and Culture attended a briefing meeting with Homelessness NSW who are working on the Program and a local support service intending to apply for funding to establish a women refugee in Liverpool.

From a service gap and demand analysis and increasing rates of domestic violence in Liverpool, the project was discussed as an important project to support. Council continued liaising with the local service provider during November and December to develop a project proposal, outlining the project scope and the support required from Council. A project proposal was submitted to Council on 20 December, seeking partnership with Council, whereby Council provides suitable land for this project that meeting their needs. Council's Property Services has been reviewing potential sites that would be suitable and immediately available.

- 2. Partnership and collaboration is recognised as central to the Core and Cluster Program in the delivery of these new refuges. How will Council work in partnership with local services planning to build and operate new refuges in our LGA?**

Response: An opportunity exists for Council to identify and provide a suitable site for local services to build and operate new refuges in our LGA.

Council has been approached by Bonnie Support Services Ltd (BSSL) a Specialist Homelessness Service (SHS), providing support to women and their accompanying children across Liverpool and Fairfield Local Government Areas (LGA).

BSSL is seeking a partnership with Liverpool Council, whereby Council provides suitable land (ideally a site of approximately 1,000sqm zoned residential and classified as operational land) for this project to construct and operate a women's refuge. They are seeking a site that is accessible to public transport, in a safe location, well located near schools and suitable for a build that could accommodate 6 independent units alongside the core of services.

They require identification of a site prior to the EOI for first tranche of funding on 27 April 2023.

Options for the business model, comparable to that at their location in Fairfield LGA would be for a 25–50-year lease between Liverpool Council and BSSL to provide

long term security of service, as long as the property is being used for its agreed upon purpose. In a similar partnership BSSL has subsidised rent, council rates are waived and BSSL is responsible for repairs and maintenance of the property.

It should be noted that Council has previously been approached, by other Not for Profit service providers also seeking Council land for establishment of Womens refuge. The lack of suitable surplus sites has been an issue in Council providing assistance.

A site that could potentially accommodate the requirements has been identified at 75-77 Hill Road, Lurnea (comprising Lot 1 DP 513777, Lot 2 DP 513777, Lot 3 DP 513777 and Lot 4 DP51377). This is a Council owned site that is zoned R3 Medium Density and classified as operational land with a total area of 2,770 sqm situated opposite Phillips park, Lurnea. The CT Lewis Centre is identified for demolition in conjunction with the adjacent Aged Care Building currently tenanted by Afford on a month to month tenancy. This site would require a subdivision to accommodate the proposal. This property was estimated to have a value of \$2.8M



Subject site 75-77 Hill Road, Lurnea shown edged red on the above map.

It should be noted that in a Confidential report to Council on 30 June 2021 “Further investigation of Surplus Properties” dealt with this property. This report followed previous reports in respect to the identification of potential surplus Council land.

The report identified the potential to provide a funding source for the construction of the new Liverpool Animal Shelter through the investigation and sale of the following sites.

- 75-77 Hill Road, Lurnea (comprising Lot 1 DP 513777, Lot 2 DP 513777, Lot 3 DP 513777 and Lot 4 DP51377)

- 22 First Avenue, Hoxton Park (comprising Lot 1 DP 1220807, Lot 2 DP 1220807 and Lot 3 DP 1220807)
- 9 McLean St, Liverpool (Lot 7 DP 238364)

Council resolved to endorse further investigations into the suitable uses of these properties and to receive a further report upon completion of investigations.

The investigation into the suitable uses for these properties identified the following options:

1. Retain the properties unless a future alternative community need is identified or a funding source is required from these properties for the provision of new/upgraded open space/community facilities in the future.
2. Consider an EOI process for the engagement of community/cultural and Not for Profit organisations for proposals for the use of these sites for community benefit on a potential long term lease basis with a market return.
3. Consider the sale of the properties, subject to determining a Reserve Price and a further report to Council.

Upon undertaking further investigation, it was identified that all three properties may provide future benefit to Council in facilitating a potential land swap required with NSW Housing at Miller or as part of negotiations in the NSW Crown Lands, Land Negotiation Program in addition to potentially realising income from sale.

Even if disposal was an option, given the nature of the property market, it was considered that any potential surplus properties should be retained until the income is required for the provision of new/upgraded open space/community facilities in the future, to ensure that Council captures any capital gains in a rising market.

On this basis it was recommended that Council retain the properties, unless a future alternative community need is identified, or a funding source is required from these properties for the provision of new/upgraded open space/community facilities in the future.

Council resolved to endorse the recommendation to retain the following properties subject to future requirements on the terms outlined in the report.

Based on the current request from BSSL, Council would need to provide approval to proceed with an MOU with BSSL for part of the site (up to 1,000sqm) at 75-77 Hill Road, Lurnea (comprising Lot 1 DP 513777, Lot 2 DP 513777, Lot 3 DP 513777 and Lot 4 DP51377), which would involve a nominal long term lease for a women's refuge.

This would involve a direct negotiation, noting that other providers have previously approached Council and an EOI, process would not have been undertaken.

This would also result Council foregoing any potential capital value in the site estimated at \$2.8M for the term of a long term lease, which could otherwise be utilised for meeting Council's budget requirements.

Accordingly, direction is required from Council to determine if it will consider entering directly into an MOU for a long-term lease at a nominal rental to BSSL for the provision of up to 1,000sqm of land at 75-77 Hill Road, Lurnea.

ITEM NO: CONF 04
FILE NO: 004062.2023
SUBJECT: Liverpool Local Planning Panel (LLPP) - Engagement of Additional Panel Members

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Mayor Mannoun** **Seconded: Cllr Hagarty**

That Council defer this item and investigate further members for the Liverpool Local Planning Panel (LLPP).

Ensure the criteria includes a demonstrated connection to, and understanding of, the area.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

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REPORT OF: Mayor Ned Mannoun

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RECOMMENDATION

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COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: Moved: Mayor Mannoun

That the recommendation be adopted.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

Councillors voted unanimously for the motion

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 3.04pm.

<Signature>

Name: Ned Mannoun

Title: Mayor

Date: 26 April 2023

I have authorised a stamp bearing my signature to be affixed to the pages of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29 March 2023. I confirm that Council has adopted these Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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