



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2025

PRESENT:

Mayor Ned Mannoun
Deputy Mayor Harle
Councillor Adjei
Councillor Ammoun
Councillor Dr Green
Councillor Harte
Councillor Ibrahim
Councillor Karnib
Councillor Macnaught
Councillor Monaghan
Councillor Ristevski
Mr Jason Breton, Chief Executive Officer
Mr Farooq Portelli, Director Corporate Support
Ms Tina Bono, Director Community & Lifestyle
Ms Lina Kakish, Director Planning & Compliance
Mr George Hampouris, Acting Director Customer Experience & Business Performance
Mr Shayne Mallard, Director City Futures
Mr Peter Scicluna, Acting Director Operations
Mr David Galpin, Public Inquiry Lead
Mr Alex Nord, Senior Project Manager, WSIG Program
Ms Emily Tinson, Program Manager, WSIG Program
Mr Vishwa Nadan, Chief Financial Officer
Ms Justine Young, Acting Manager Civic and Executive Services
Ms Susan Ranieri, Coordinator Council and Executive Services
Ms Gabriella Rojas, Acting Councillor Executive and Support Officer

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm.

**STATEMENT REGARDING WEBCASTING
OF MEETING**

The Mayor read the following:

“In accordance with clause 5.34 of Council’s Code of Meeting Practice, I inform the persons attending this meeting that:

- (a) the meeting is being recorded, livestreamed and made publicly available on the council’s website, and
- (b) persons attending the meeting should refrain from making any defamatory statements.”

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY,
PRAYER OF COUNCIL AND
AFFIRMATION**

The Acknowledgement of Country, Prayer and Affirmation was read by Reverend Bruce Hammonds from Liverpool Presbyterian Church.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was sung by Ms Kelsey Newsome.

COUNCILLORS ATTENDING REMOTELY

NIL.

APOLOGIES

NIL.

CONDOLENCES

NIL.

Mayor Mannoun declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the following :

Item: CONF 05 - ST3371 - Legal Services Panel Tender.

Reason: One of the firms in the report is heavily involved in the Public Inquiry into Liverpool City Council and is also major political donor.

Mayor Mannoun left the Chamber for the duration of this item.

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

Item: CONF 05 - ST3371 - Legal Services Panel Tender.

Reason: Clr Ristevski uses one of the proposed panel firms listed in the report.

Clr Ristevski left the Chamber for the duration of the item.

PUBLIC FORUM

Presentation – items not on agenda

1. **Mr Carmine Colalillo** addressed Council on the following item:

Reilly Street and Webster Road Lurnea, damage to cars and accidents.

Mayor Mannoun granted a three-minute extension of time to Mr Colalillo.

2. **Mr Sean Tubridy** addressed Council on the following item:

Council rate rise.

MAYORAL MINUTE

ITEM: MAYOR 01
SUBJECT: Congratulations to the new Pope, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV
REPORT OF: Mayor Ned Mannoun

I take this opportunity to formally acknowledge and congratulate His Holiness **Pope Leo XIV** on his recent election as the 267th occupant of the throne of St Peter as the new Pope and spiritual leader of the Roman Catholic Church.

This is a historic moment for Catholics around the world, including here in the City of Liverpool. Our city is proud to be home to a rich tapestry of faiths and cultures, and among them, the Roman Catholic community represents the largest religious affiliation in Liverpool.

According to the 2021 Census, **29.5% of Liverpool residents identified as Roman Catholic** — a clear reflection of the significant role the Catholic faith continues to play in the spiritual, cultural, and social life of our community.

From parish churches to local schools, Catholic institutions have contributed meaningfully to the life of our city for generations. The election of a new Pope is a deeply significant event for Catholics.

On behalf of Liverpool City Council and the residents of our great city, I extend our sincere congratulations to **Pope Leo XIV** and offer our prayers and best wishes for his pontificate.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes the election of the new Pope, His Holiness **Pope Leo XIV**;
2. Acknowledges the significance of this event for Liverpool's Catholic community; and
3. Sends formal congratulations to the Vatican on behalf of Liverpool City Council and the people of Liverpool, and extends an invitation to His Holiness to visit the City of Liverpool should he travel to Australia in the future.

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 this motion.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NO: CEO 01
FILE NO: 160440.2025
SUBJECT: Donations

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Macnaught** **Seconded: Cllr Harle**

That Council note this Report.

On being put to the meeting the motion (moved by Cllr Macnaught) was declared CARRIED and the Foreshadowed motion lapsed.

Foreshadowed motion: **Moved: Cllr Ristevski** **Seconded:**

1. Council prohibits any future donations from Council funds to overseas entities or causes.
2. Council ensure that all donations are directed exclusively within the Liverpool local government area to support local community initiatives, charities and organisations.

Due to no seconder the Foreshadowed motion lapsed

PLANNING & COMPLIANCE REPORTS

ITEM NO: PLAN 01

FILE NO: 155163.2025

SUBJECT: Report Back to Council: 2168 Children's Parliament - Funding Options

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Ristevski** **Seconded:**

That Council:

1. Receives and notes this report;
2. Continue to identify funding sources recommended in the report; and
3. As per the report, item 2. II - Increase speed humps around shopping centres, to be funded from the festivals budget by reducing it by \$400,000 in the 25/26 financial year and allocating it towards this project.

The motion (moved by Cllr Ristevski) lapsed due to no seconder. Therefore the amendment (moved by Cllr Macnaught) became the motion and on being put to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

Amendment: **Moved: Cllr Macnaught** **Seconded: Cllr Dr Green**

That Council:

1. Receives and notes this report;
2. Continue to identify funding sources recommended in the report;
3. Direct the CEO to determine at the 3 or 6 month interval post implementation of the budget, that a report come back Council if there is an available funding source, in line with the reporting of the 2168 Children's Parliament; and
4. Formally advise the 2168 Children's Parliament of the resolution endorsed and the rationale applied.

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

COUNCIL DECISION

That Council:

- Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Motion: **Moved: Clr Monaghan** **Seconded: Clr Karnib**

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

ITEM NO: COM 03
FILE NO: 150087.2025
SUBJECT: Council Grants Donations and Sponsorship Report

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Macnaught** **Seconded: Cllr Adjei**

That Council:

1. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$7,658** (GST exclusive) under the **Sustainable Environment Grant Program** for the following project:

Applicant	Project	Recommended
Liverpool Girls High School	School Garden	\$3,029
Search Dogs Sydney	Searching for Cleaner Air	\$4,629

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Motion: **Moved: Clr Harle** **Seconded: Clr Dr Green**

1. Notes the extensive consultation that has been conducted with key stakeholders;
2. Approves the changes to the 'Hire of Playing Surfaces Policy';
3. Proceeds to 28 days Public Exhibition; and
4. If no further submissions are made delegate, the CEO to finalise the endorsed Policy.

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

ITEM NO: CORP 03
FILE NO: 146562.2025
SUBJECT: Investment Report April 2025

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Harle** **Seconded: Cllr Monaghan**

That the Council receives and notes this report.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Motion: **Moved: Clr Dr Green** **Seconded: Clr Macnaught**

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

Motion: **Moved: Clr Macnaught** **Seconded: Clr Dr Green**

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

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Macnaught** **Seconded: Cllr Harle**

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

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM NO: QWN 01

FILE NO: 150166.2025

SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Clr Karnib - Infrastructure Grants

Please address the following:

1. **Has Liverpool City Council returned any money to either the NSW State Government or the Federal Government that it received from infrastructure grants since 1 July 2021?**
 - a. **If so, how has this occurred?**
 - b. **If so, why has this occurred?**
 - c. **If so, what is the exact dollar figure of infrastructure grants that Liverpool Council has applied for and received from both State and Federal Governments?**
 - i. **From this sum, what is the exact dollar figure that Liverpool Council has returned to:**
 - ii. **NSW State Government**
 - iii. **Federal Government**
 - d. **If this has occurred, what specific projects by title and area in the Liverpool LGA have not been able to commence or complete as a result of this?**

Response

Council has not returned any money received from infrastructure grants since 1 July 2021.

In May 2024, Council withdrew its funding application to the NSW Road Safety Program due to uncertainty regarding delivery costs.

In July 2024, funding was offered for six projects under the Federal Black Spot Program. Council accepted funding for five projects, but initially did not accept the funding for works on Devonshire Road due to a significant shortfall. Since then, the Operations Directorate has engaged with TfNSW Program Managers and has now accepted the funding as originally offered. TfNSW has advised Council to submit a variation request to address the shortfall, which will be considered subject to Ministerial approval. TfNSW has also verbally confirmed its intention to provide additional funding to cover the gap.

Council's grants team has implemented new processes for the submission and management of grants, which includes a mandate for accurate project costings prior to a bid being made for a grant. Council's Delivery Management Framework (DMF) is

now the mandated framework for developing project costs.

2. **If not, does Liverpool City Council intend to return back any infrastructure funding from either state or federal governments?**
 - a. **If so, why?**
 - b. **If so, what are the financial implications for Liverpool City Council?**
 - c. **If so, what specific projects by title and area in the Liverpool LGA that had grant funding approved are now not able to commence?**
 - d. **If so, why has the funding grants received for infrastructure not been returned already?**

Response

Refer to response to Q1 - Not applicable.

ITEM NO: QWN 02
FILE NO: 150519.2025
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Clr Ristevski - Traffic Modelling for Moore Point

Noting Council undertook Public Exhibition of RZ-6/2015 late last year, and that NSW DPHI has now taken over the assessment of this Planning Proposal under its newly established State Significant Rezoning pathway.

Please address the following:

- (a) Can Planning and Compliance advise if Council retained copies of all application and assessment materials?
- (b) Will Planning and Compliance be undertaking a post exhibition report to Council?
- (c) Can Planning and Compliance advise if DPHI will undertake its own exhibition under its new process; or if DPHI will merely undertake its assessment based solely on the submissions lodged with LCC via email and or its eplanning portal?
- (d) Can Planning and Compliance advise if it has thus made a submission to DPHI regarding RZ-6/215 under its newly established State Significant Rezoning pathway?
- (e) Have all necessary Directorates had sufficient time to review all the technical material; particularly for Flooding and Traffic? Has Council retained copies of:
 - Moore Point – Stage 2 Transport Infrastructure Assessment & TMAP (Aurecon)
 - Moore Point – TIWG – Minutes August 2021
 - Moore Point - Transport Infrastructure Staging (TfNSW Briefing) - 13 July 2022 Final
 - Any and All SIDRA modelling sitting behind RZ-6/2015

See Flood advisory panel recommendations- Moore Point_PP-2022-1602 (pp.26 – 28 of 28) RZ-6/2015 Appendix 21 (pp.22 & 25 of 30) and Appendix 19 (pp.25 – 26 & 65 of 85)

- (f) Has Council reviewed and assessed the above Stage 1 and Stage 2 Assessments?
- (g) Does Council have the necessary internal staff and expertise to access files and understand the SIDRA and AIMSUN Traffic Models for Moore Point and their implications?
- (h) Is Council aware that the intersection upgrades as presented are not fit for purpose and represent a decrease of existing capacity which is already operating at LoS F (failing)?

Responses (provided by Planning and Compliance)

(a) Can Planning and Compliance advise if Council retained copies of all application and assessment materials?

Councils e-Planning portal includes all publicly available documents for the updated Planning Proposal for Moore Point. Please refer to the below link:

<https://eplanning.liverpool.nsw.gov.au/Pages/XC.Track/SearchApplication.aspx?id=301284>

(b) Will Planning and Compliance be undertaking a post exhibition report to Council?

In December 2024, Council received correspondence from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) that the Planning Proposal for Moore Point had been approved to progress as a State-assessed Rezoning Proposal under the NSW Government's State Significant Rezoning Policy. In short, this means the DPHI will lead assessment and subsequent determination of the Planning Proposal rather than Council.

Given that the DPHI will now lead the assessment and subsequent determination of the Planning Proposal for Moore Point, Planning and Compliance will no longer be preparing a Post-Exhibition Report for Council consideration.

Planning and Compliance will however continue to provide updates to the Mayor and Councillors on the DPHI assessment of the Moore Point Planning Proposal as required.

(c) Can Planning and Compliance advise if DPHI will undertake its own exhibition under its new process; or if DPHI will merely undertake its assessment based solely on the submissions lodged with LCC via email and or its eplanning portal?

As the designated Consent Authority for the Moore Point Planning Proposal, DPHI will determine how the post-exhibition assessment of the Planning Proposal will proceed.

(d) Can Planning and Compliance advise if it has thus made a submission to DPHI regarding RZ-6/215 under its newly established State Significant Rezoning pathway?

The DPHI invited Liverpool City Council to make a Post-Exhibition submission on the Moore Point Planning Proposal.

Planning and Compliance subsequently submitted a Post-Exhibition submission on the Moore Point Planning Proposal to DPHI for their consideration on 11 April 2025. Submission is attached to the Council report in the Agenda for your information.

- (e) **Have all necessary Directorates had sufficient time to review all the technical material; particularly for Flooding and Traffic? Has Council retained copies of:**
- **Moore Point – Stage 2 Transport Infrastructure Assessment & TMAP (Aurecon)**
 - **Moore Point – TIWG – Minutes August 2021**
 - **Moore Point - Transport Infrastructure Staging (TfNSW Briefing) - 13 July 2022 Final**
 - **Any and All SIDRA modelling sitting behind RZ-6/2015**

Council continues to work collaboratively with the NSW Government and the Joint Landowners Group on the provision of infrastructure and contributions funding for the Precinct. There are also several other aspects of the Planning Proposal which are yet to be fully resolved, including flooding and evacuation, transport and infrastructure, open space provision and urban design refinements.

- (f) **Has Council reviewed and assessed the above Stage 1 and Stage 2 Assessments?**

Yes, Council has reviewed these assessments.

- (g) **Does Council have the necessary internal staff and expertise to access files and understand the SIDRA and AIMSUN Traffic Models for Moore Point and their implications?**

This is an operational matter. Generally, when Council does not have the necessary staff and in-house expertise for a component of the assessment, an external expert will be engaged to carry out the assessment.

- (h) **Is Council aware that the intersection upgrades as presented are not fit for purpose and represent a decrease of existing capacity which is already operating at LoS F (failing)?**

Council is aware that current intersection layouts and previously tested designs operate at LoS F. Revised designs are currently being prepared and will be tested using a revised base model.

ITEM NO: QWN 03
FILE NO: 150547.2025
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Clr Ristevski - Biobanked Land in Liverpool LGA

Noting Council rating standards are set by IPART NSW except as relates to 'biobanked land'. Noting that Commonwealth Land is exempt from Council rates except where competitive neutrality arrangements, such as "taxation neutrality" and "regulatory neutrality" are "explicitly required for designated Commonwealth Businesses" under the CCNPS (1996). For example, Moorebank Intermodal Company Ltd, now National Intermodal Corporation Ltd and Western Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd.

Please address the following:

- (a) Can Council confirm if land set aside for biodiversity credits or 'bio banked land' is liable to pay local government rates (say based on unimproved value or similar) or are such lots and parcels exempt?
- (b) If exempt, please cite and supply the relevant legislation.
- (c) If not exempt, does Council maintain a registry of such parcels?
- (d) Can Council prepare a list of parcels of 'bio banked land' and the rate applied for each?
- (e) Has Council maintained a list of the specific 'bio banked' parcels created for the purpose of biodiversity offsets by MIC Ltd and WSA Co Ltd necessary to obtain approval for their respective projects?
 - I. Please provide said list and itemise the rates collected for each since their creation.

Response (provided by Operations)

Stewardship sites (previously referred to as biobank sites) are shown in the map available from [Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement Public Map](#). The stewardship sites in the Liverpool LGA are:

- M7 West, 31.22 hectares,
- Kemps Creek Biobanking Agreement, 19.37 hectares,
- Cecil Park South East & Chandos West, 23.20 hectares,
- Moorebank Intermodal Terminal Biobanking Agreement, 111 hectares,
- Middleton Grange, 91 hectares.

All the land identified above is owned by the Crown (NSW State Government) or the Commonwealth (Federal Government). Council has no legal ability to levy rates under the Local Government Act 1993 on either the Crown or the Commonwealth unless the land has a lease for private purposes. These properties are all vacant.

ITEM NO: QWN 04
FILE NO: 150598.2025
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Cllr Ibrahim - Park Cleaning Schedule and Safety Concerns

Can the Council provide details on how often the parks in Liverpool, are cleaned and maintained? Specifically:

1. What is the current cleaning schedule for parks?
2. How often are rubbish bins emptied, and general maintenance carried out?
3. Are there any plans to increase the frequency of cleaning or improve park maintenance in response to community concerns?
4. What measures are currently in place to address syringe disposal in parks?
5. Are there any plans to improve safety and implement additional measures, such as more regular inspections or disposal units?

Response (provided by Operations Directorate)

1. What is the current cleaning schedule for parks?

Council's Parks teams litter pick when servicing parks and open space assets as part of servicing. Council's Parks teams are working in line with our Red Book Program where higher and larger use assets are serviced more frequently than lower and smaller use assets.

For example:

- Chipping Norton Lakes would be cleaned 2 times per week across all parks and amenities.
- Casula Parklands would be cleaned once per week.
- Cirrillo Reserve and Stante Water Park would be cleaned 2 times per week across all parks and amenities.
- Hammondville Oval would be once every 3 weeks.
- Ida Kennedy Park would be once per week.
- Miller Park would be twice per week.
- Durak Park would be once per week.
- Durrant Oval would be twice per week.
- Cecil Hills Lake would be once every 3 weeks.
- Cameron Park would be once per week.

Council notes that litter pick does not include rubbish bins being emptied, as these have a higher frequency. Secondly, this does not consider any additional servicing based on specific community, cultural or sporting special events, nor any customer service requests.

2. How often are rubbish bins emptied, and general maintenance carried out?

Council Waste team is responsible for emptying of rubbish bins at parks. The frequency varies and is based on usage. Council's Parks & Facilities team conducts playground inspections and responds to customer requests for maintenance.

For example:

- Chipping Norton Lakes bins are serviced Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Wednesday.
- Casula Parklands bins are serviced Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday
- Cirrillo Reserve and Stante Water Park bins are serviced Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Wednesday.
- Hammondville Oval bins are serviced Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday.
- Ida Kennedy Park bins are serviced Wednesday and Sunday.
- Miller Park bins are serviced Saturday and Sunday.
- Durak Park bins are serviced Tuesday.
- Durrant Oval bins are serviced Wednesday.
- Cecil Hills Lake bins are serviced Saturday, Sunday and Thursday.
- Wattle Grove Lake bins are serviced Wednesday, Friday and Monday.

3. Are there any plans to increase the frequency of cleaning or improve park maintenance in response to community concerns?

Yes. Additional capacity commenced 4 weeks ago with the introduction of the Edmondson Park Crew. The plan for FY25/26 is to add another Crew (1 team leader + 3 operatives) and 2 Agile Crew Operatives and 2 Weed Management Operative Positions with commensurate plant and equipment. The work pattern for these crews will be different to increase coverage across a 7-day week and to utilise plant and equipment from different work pattern crews. This will increase asset utilisation and reduce CapEx requirements.

4. What measures are currently in place to address syringe disposal in parks?

Sharps containers are installed in parks and public spaces on an as-needs basis, informed by maintenance crews reports of needles being left behind.

However, there are known challenges with permanent installations of sharps disposal units. In some locations, these containers have unfortunately attracted drug use rather than reducing it. There have also been safety concerns, particularly when containers are not emptied daily. In some instances, units have been torn from walls by individuals attempting to access small amounts of residual substances left in the syringes, which poses further risk to public safety and Council workers.

5. Are there any plans to improve safety and implement additional measures, such as more regular inspections or disposal units?

To address these challenges, Council continues to explore a combination of targeted placement, increased monitoring, and collaboration with NSW Police and health and outreach services to ensure community safety is balanced with responsible harm minimisation.

Additional CCTV, lighting and removal of coverage in locations continues to occur.

ITEM NO: QWN 05
FILE NO: 150641.2025
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Cllr Ibrahim - Street Rubbish and Cleanliness in Liverpool

Please address the following:

1. Can the council outline the current street cleaning schedule for Liverpool, including residential areas, commercial precincts, and high traffic zones?
2. What measures are currently in place to address the growing issue of litter on our streets?
3. How many reports or complaints has the council received in the past 12 months regarding rubbish and illegal dumping?
4. What actions is the council taking to enforce anti littering laws, and how many fines or penalties have been issued in the past year?
5. Are there any plans to increase rubbish collection services, install additional bins in problem areas, or introduce more community education programs to reduce littering?
6. What measures is the council taking to address illegal dumping, and how effective have these measures been in reducing waste on our streets?
7. Are there plans to improve lighting in Liverpool's parks and public spaces to enhance community safety, particularly at night?

Response (provided by Operations Directorate)

- 1. Can the council outline the current street cleaning schedule for Liverpool, including residential areas, commercial precincts, and high traffic zones?**

Please refer to the details outlined in April Council Report – OPER 01 – Review of Street Sweeping Program.

- 2. What measures are currently in place to address the growing issue of litter on our streets?**

Currently waste have the following litter crews, removing the growing amount of dumped rubbish and litter on the street

Please refer to the details outlined in April Council Report – OPER 01 – Review of Street Sweeping Program.

3. How many reports or complaints has the council received in the past 12 months regarding rubbish and illegal dumping?

Council has received 4131 requests in 2024 and 1422 complaints from January 1, 2025.

4. What actions is the council taking to enforce anti littering laws, and how many fines or penalties have been issued in the past year?

No fines have been issued for litter, as the person must be filmed and caught in the act of littering. Fines have been issued for Illegal dumping due to footage from residents and the collection of required evidence.

5. Are there any plans to increase rubbish collection services, install additional bins in problem areas, or introduce more community education programs to reduce littering?

Currently Waste operations are working towards lifting kerbside collections to 245 per day. Also, the waste service delivery unit have increased bins collections through the addition of an extra crew on weekends to service higher frequented and larger areas and parks.

Council's Waste Education team continues to educate primary and secondary school age children, as part of our existing schools education program. This program focusses on behaviours such as the importance of making sure that waste is disposed of correctly i.e., in the correct bin, and the reduction of littering, generally. Illegal Waste Rangers also undertake patrols, talk to the community and provide education paraphernalia for areas that are known for public littering. Furthermore, Council can confirm that we are in the process of developing series of presentations and short films to inform residents of obligations around litter.

6. What measures is the council taking to address illegal dumping, and how effective have these measures been in reducing waste on our streets?

To address illegal waste and improper household waste collection practices, Council employs two Illegal Waste Rangers. These officers proactively patrol the LGA engage with residents to address non-compliant household collections and take enforcement actions when necessary to deter illegal dumping. This requires the collection of evidence and is part of our broader strategy to reduce waste-related issues and promote cleaner streets.

7. Are there plans to improve lighting in Liverpool's parks and public spaces to enhance community safety, particularly at night?

Council continues to explore options of lighting and CCTV to improve community safety. This will be part of ongoing CapEx within each financial year.

Clr Ammoun left the Chamber at 7:12pm.

ITEM NO: QWN 06

FILE NO: 151162.2025

SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Clr Dr Green - Election Campaign Materials and Cost to Council

Background

Throughout the recent Federal Election the level of resident complaints of illegally placed political signage on public and Council property, screwed or nailed into trees, placed on roundabouts and other locations which risked driver distraction markedly increased.

Various state and federal legislation and regulations, including government agencies such as transport are widely available to enable candidates in any election to display their posters.

Can Council please advise:

1. The number of printed political signs placed illegally Council removed over the election period.
2. The locations illegal signs were removed from.
3. The cost to Council to remove the illegal signs including
 - a. the number of days/occasions allocated to illegal sign removal
 - b. Staff cost
 - c. Council truck/vehicle cost and
 - d. The front-line service to residents, the truck and staff were re-deployed from to collect illegally placed signs.
 - e. Cost of disposal of illegally placed signs.
4. The number of fines issued and, if not why.

Responses (provided by Planning and Compliance and Operations)

- 1. The number of printed political signs placed illegally Council removed over the election period.**

Council estimates 600 to 800 posters were collected over two to three weeks during the election period.

- 2. The locations illegal signs were removed from.**

Council advises these signs were collected across the LGA from public assets owned by Council such as roundabouts, verges, parks, bridges and open spaces.

3. The cost to Council to remove the illegal signs including

a. the number of days/occasions allocated to illegal sign removal

Council collected signs over two to three weeks prior to the election.

b. Staff cost

Staff conducted morning sweeps of reported areas but still performed their normal duties.

c. Council truck/vehicle cost and

Staff utilised vehicles that are used as part of their normal duties.

d. The front-line service to residents, the truck and staff were re-deployed from to collect illegally placed signs.

Teams came from Facilities Management. They included on call staff and trades staff.

e. Cost of disposal of illegally placed signs.

Council has stored the signs. Parties have collected these periodically. No cost has been incurred in disposal at this point in time.

4. The number of fines issued and, if not why.

Council did not issue fines for vehicles or trailers displaying election signs. These matters were managed under the *Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021*.

Unattended vehicles and trailers displaying election signs had not yet reached the required notification period before a fine could be lawfully issued under the legislation.

Council did not issue fines for other election signs.

ITEM NO: QWN 07
FILE NO: 151851.2025
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Clr Harte - Code of Conduct Complaints

CORP 01 from the 26 March 2025 Council meeting revealed that there were 67 code of conduct complaints outstanding.

Can the following please be addressed:

1. Can an update please be provided on the status of each code of conduct complaint?
2. When can Council expect each code of conduct complaint be presented to us for consideration?
3. Given this is an emerging governance issue, what measures have been undertaken to improve the quality and speed of the investigations?

Responses (provided by Corporate Support)

1. The Code of Conduct Procedures specify the steps to be followed when dealing with Code of Conduct complaints; they identify who should be updated on individual complaints, by whom and at what stage. It is not consistent with the Code of Conduct Procedures to provide interim updates to Council's governing body on the status of each complaint.
2. Council's governing body is given a role under clauses 7.46 to 7.61 of the Code of Conduct Procedures. This stage is only reached where a complaint proceeds to investigation and the investigator produces a final investigation report which identifies a breach of the Code of Conduct and recommends, in the case of a breach by a councillor, censure or censure and referral to OLG. It is not appropriate to prejudge the outcome of the complaints process by predicting whether individual complaints will result in that stage being reached.
3. On 7 May 2025, Council had received 92 complaints in the reporting period. Council is dealing with the volume of complaints efficiently in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Conduct Procedures and within available resources. Council has established a panel of conduct reviewers to carry out preliminary assessments and investigations under the Code of Conduct Procedures. Council can also access conduct reviewers through a State Government panel. Council is engaging firms as needed to respond to complaints in accordance with the Code of Conduct Procedures.

Clr Ammoun returned to the Chamber at 7:13pm.

MOTION OF URGENCY

ITEM NO: MOU 01

SUBJECT: Election Campaign Materials and Costs to Council

Clr Dr Green requested Mayor Mannoun consider a motion of urgency in relation to the election material and other wide ranging material.

Clr Dr Green stated it was urgent as it's important moving forward that Council deal with the issue swiftly and robustly and for public safety.

In accordance with Clause 9.3 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, the Chairperson, Mayor Mannoun, on the issue of safety ruled the item as urgent and as such it was dealt with as shown below:

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion:

Moved: Clr Dr Green

Seconded Clr Adjei

That Council:

1. Review Council's existing Advertising and Signage Policy to address any/all identified gaps in the current Policy related to:
 - (a) Placement of advertising and election materials including corflutes, banners or other paraphernalia on Council property;
 - (b) Any re-placement of advertising and election materials where Council has removed the offending materials with a 24-36 hour timeframe;
 - (c) Prohibition of screwing and/or nailing signage to trees;
 - (d) Prohibition of any signage or election material that is secured by wooden stakes; in the ground, on grass verges and nature strips; and
 - (e) Placement of signage at intersections and roundabouts which contribute to driver distraction and risk safety of other road users and pedestrians.
2. Policy mandate the immediate issuing of allowable fines for breaches of the policy.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

RECESS

Mayor Mannoun called a recess of meeting at 7.31pm.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

Clr Harle, as the Deputy Mayor, resumed the meeting at 7.49pm in open session with all Councillors present except Mayor Mannoun.

ITEM NO: CORP 04
FILE NO: 151329.2025
SUBJECT: FY 2024/25 - Quarter 3, Budget Review

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Ristevski** **Seconded: Clr Harte**

That Council approves the identified budget variations in accordance with this report.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

ITEM NO: CTTE 07
FILE NO: 159775.2025
SUBJECT: Minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting held on 13 May 2025

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Ristevski** **Seconded: Clr Karnib**

That this item be deferred to the end of the meeting.

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

This item was dealt with at the end of the meeting.

PRESENTATION BY COUNCILLORS

Presentation by Cllr Ristevski was deferred to the end of the meeting.

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEM NO: NOM 01

FILE NO: 136376.2025

SUBJECT: Notice of Motion to Endorse a Single Minimum Lot Width of 20 Metres for Dual Occupancies in the R2 Low Density Residential Zone

Background

The rapid growth and development within the Liverpool area have led to significant challenges for our community. While we recognise the need for housing and increased density, the current regulations have contributed to overdevelopment, resulting in:

Increased Parking Issues: The rise in dual occupancies has led to insufficient parking availability, causing congestion on our streets and reducing the overall liveability of our neighbourhoods.

Reduced Quality of Life: Many residents feel that the high density of developments has turned our community into an overcrowded environment, where homes are built too close together. This has led to concerns about privacy, noise, and the overall aesthetic of our suburbs.

Community Safety and Wellbeing: The perception of living in an "open prison" has grown among residents, highlighting the need for more open space and less dense living conditions to foster community cohesion and well-being.

Having a minimum lot width of 20 metres will provide better separation between dwellings, enhancing privacy, reducing noise and will create more space for adequate parking solutions, alleviating current congestion. It will also support a more sustainable and balanced approach to residential development that aligns with community expectations and needs.

This motion will ensure that our residential areas remain liveable, safe, and community oriented. This change will help preserve the character of our suburbs while accommodating necessary growth in a responsible manner.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cllr Ristevski)

That Council adopts a minimum lot width of 20 metres for dual occupancies in the R2 Low Density Residential Zone.

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Ristevski** **Seconded:**

That the Notice of Motion be adopted.

Due to no Seconder the motion lapsed.

The recent election campaign has highlighted significant community concern regarding the proliferation of election posters.

A proactive approach is necessary to preserve the visual and environmental integrity of Liverpool.

That Council:

- ## COUNCIL DECISION

Seconded:

Clr Ristevski withdrew this item as a similar motion was dealt with earlier in the meeting as a Motion of Urgency.

ITEM NO: NOM 03
FILE NO: 151069.2025
SUBJECT: Council Membership of and Participation on the Local Government
 Multicultural Anti Racism Network

Background

Networking and cooperation are fundamental principles essential to achieving better outcomes in policy areas where cross portfolio work is required and where the engagement of multiple levels of government, community-based services and stakeholders working in collaboration is enlisted in tackling difficult or complex policy and social problems.

A crucial element of collaborative work is the knowledge and expertise of those working on the ground, at the grass-roots level. Knowing how the system works, what doesn't, where the gaps are, where the system is broken and what impact this may have on people's lived experience is critical in responding to and addressing system barriers and challenges.

This practice knowledge can make significant contributions to government policies and services.

Local Government Multicultural Network is an independent network made up of community development multicultural workers from NSW Councils. Membership includes Council staff, Local Government NSW and other State Government stakeholders.

Liverpool LGA comprises of up to 140 cultural groups. Council community development staff are highly experienced in working with diverse communities and in knowing the gaps in policy and services delivery that can create barriers to better access for people and families of the support and assistance they need.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cllr Dr Green)

That Council resume membership of Local Government Multicultural Network and contribute Council's community development worker knowledge and expertise in the networks collaborative efforts in advocacy, policy development to improve best practice in services and support to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities and stakeholders in NSW.

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Dr Green** **Seconded: Cllr Monaghan**

That the Notice of Motion be adopted.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Mayor Mannoun returned to the Chamber at 8.07pm and resumed as Chairperson.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NO: CONF 01

FILE NO: 120538.2025

SUBJECT: Governor Macquarie Drive and Hume Highway Intersection Upgrade Works

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion:

Moved: Cllr Harte

Seconded: Cllr Dr Green

That Council:

1. Approves, for the purposes of the tendering requirements under s.55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, the engagement of Jemena Gas Networks (NSW) Ltd to undertake remediation and relocation of their assets as a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders because of the following extenuating circumstances:
 - Jemena Gas Networks (NSW) Ltd is the owner of their assets.
 - Jemena Gas will need to approve the modification, remediation and relocation works of their assets, and
 - it would be impractical for Council to procure a supplier and then seek Jemena's approval for the works.
2. Authorises the CEO or delegate to execute all documents necessary to give effect to this resolution.

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

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Harle** **Seconded: Cllr Harte**

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

Motion: **Moved: Clr Harle** **Seconded: Clr Dr Green**

1. Approve creation of a 6m wide drainage easement within Lot 1 DP 1257931, 62 Kelly Street, Austral on the terms outlined in this report.
2. Confirms that it has no objection to the compulsory acquisition by agreement of a 6m wide drainage easement by Sydney Water within Lot 1 DP 1257931, 62 Kelly Street, Austral under Section 30 of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991
3. Upon receipt of compensation funds from Sydney Water transfer the amount of \$93,000 plus GST and disturbance costs to the S7.11 Contributions Plan Austral / Leppington precinct for the future embellishment of Local Sports Field No. 1 which Lot 1 DP 1257931 forms part of.
4. Authorises the CEO or delegate to execute any documents necessary to give effect to these decisions.

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

ITEM NO: CONF 04
FILE NO: 136187.2025
SUBJECT: Tender Report - WT3372 Lighthorse Park Early Works (Carpark Construction)

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Macnaught** **Seconded: Cllr Adjei**

That Council:

1. Accept the Tender from The Civil Experts Pty Ltd T/as TCE Contracting for WT3372 - Lighthorse Park - Early Works Civil and Car Park Construction Works at the GST inclusive price of \$5,371,264.83.
2. Makes public its decision regarding tender WT3372 - Lighthorse Park Early Works (Civil and Construction).
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to execute all documents necessary to give effect to this resolution.
4. Keeps confidential the details supplied in this report containing information on the submissions received, pursuant to the provisions of Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 as it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

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

5. Notes that this report has been brought to Council because the Chief Executive Officer's instrument of delegation, approved by Council in accordance with the current provisions of section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993, only permits the Chief Executive Officer to approve (and not to reject) tenders up to a value of \$2 million. Therefore, subclauses 178(3) and 178(4) of the Local Government (General Regulation) 2021 require a decision not to accept any of the tenders for a proposed contract to be made by way of a Council resolution.
6. Keeps confidential the details supplied in this report containing information on the submissions received, pursuant to the provisions of Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 as it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
7. Authorises the CEO or delegate to take any action necessary to give effect to these resolutions.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Note: Mayor Mannoun, Clr Ammoun, Clr Macnaught and Clr Ristevski were not in the Chamber when the item was voted on.

The meeting resumed in open session at 8.40pm with all Councillors present

Motion: **Moved: Clr Harle** **Seconded: Clr Dr Green**

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 13 May 2025.
2. Endorse the recommendations in the Minutes with the exception to the Committee recommendation to item 2 – Revised Media Policy, point 4 placing the Media Policy for 28 days on public exhibition.

Vote for: Mayor Mannoun, Clr Adjei, Clr Ammoun, Clr Harle, Clr Harte and Clr Macnaught.

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 21 May 2025 and confirmed on Wednesday, 18 June 2025

Chairperson

Mayor Mannoun left the Chamber at 8.56pm and Clr Harle, as the Deputy Mayor, became the Chairperson.

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCILLORS

Clr Ristevski made a presentation on his recent trip to Hong Kong for the 5th Annual Aerotropolis Conference on the 7th and 8th May 2025.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.00PM BY DEPUTY MAYOR HARLE.

<Signature>

Name: Ned Mannoun

Title: Mayor

Date: 18 June 2025

I have authorised a stamp bearing my signature to be affixed to the pages of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 May 2025. I confirm that Council has adopted these Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.