



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 18 JUNE 2025

PRESENT:

Mayor Ned Mannoun
Deputy Mayor Harle
Councillor Adjei
Councillor Ammoun
Councillor Dr Green (online)
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
Ms Michelle Mcilvenny, Director Customer Experience & Business Performance
Ms Hiba Soueid, Manager City Strategy and Performance
Mr Peter Scicluna, Acting Director Operations
Mr David Galpin, Public Inquiry Lead
Mr Vishwa Nadan, Chief Financial Officer
Mr Mark Hannan, Manager City Planning
Mr Michael Zengovski, Manager Environment
Ms Justine Young, Acting Manager Civic and Executive Services
Ms Susan Ranieri, Coordinator Council and Executive Services
Ms Katrina Harvey, 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:

MAYORAL MINUTE

ITEM: MAYOR 01
SUBJECT: Tribute to Professor Les Bokey AM
REPORT OF: Mayor Ned Mannoun

Liverpool aspires to be a centre of innovation, and Liverpool City Council is proud to be a founding member of the Liverpool Innovation Precinct. Among the other visionaries who helped establish the Precinct is Professor Les Bokey AM - a passionate advocate for a world-class health, research, and education hub that would serve not only the communities of Liverpool and South West Sydney but also make an impact globally.

Professor Bokey has been instrumental in turning that vision into reality. As the Founding Director of the South Western Institute for Robotics and Automation in Health (SWIRAH), he brought international expertise in rectal cancer surgery and a research focus on early diagnosis of bowel cancer, surgical outcomes, inflammatory bowel disease, and the integration of robotics and automation into healthcare.

Before his work with the Ingham Institute and Liverpool Hospital, Professor Bokey held key positions at St. Bartholomew’s Hospital in London, Sahlgrenska University Hospital in Gothenburg, and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. He later served as Head of Surgery and Associate Dean of Surgical Sciences at the University of Sydney’s Faculty of Medicine before joining Western Sydney University.

In recognition of his extraordinary service to medicine—as a colorectal surgeon, educator, researcher, and administrator—Professor Bokey was awarded the Order of Australia Medal. He has also received honorary degrees from several international universities and professional societies.

Professor Bokey recently announced his retirement and will step down from the Ingham Institute at the end of June. For over a decade, he has been a staunch advocate for Liverpool, always willing to share his knowledge, mentor the next generation, and help shape the future of healthcare and education in our city.

His infectious passion for innovation, his unwavering dedication, and, of course, his trademark bow ties will leave an enduring legacy—not only in Liverpool but in the wider world of medical research and global health advancement.

MAYORAL MINUTE

ITEM: MAYOR 02
SUBJECT: Professor Max Lu AO Appointed as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wollongong
REPORT OF: Mayor Ned Mannoun

I would like to acknowledge the recent appointment of Professor Max Lu AO as the sixth Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Wollongong (UOW), coinciding with the University's 50th anniversary.

Professor Lu is an internationally respected academic leader and chemical engineer with over 35 years of experience in higher education and research. His leadership at the University of Surrey in the United Kingdom, and now at UOW, reflects a strong commitment to innovation, inclusion and community engagement.

Liverpool has been proud to host a UOW campus in our city centre, offering world-class education and strengthening the economic and social fabric of our region. We welcome Professor Lu's appointment as an opportunity to deepen this relationship and work together to ensure Western Sydney students continue to access quality higher education close to home.

On behalf of Liverpool City Council, I extend our congratulations to Professor Lu and look forward to working with him to advance education, research and innovation in our city.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Notes the appointment of Professor Max Lu AO as the new Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Wollongong;
2. Congratulates Professor Lu on behalf of the City of Liverpool; and
3. Writes to Professor Lu to welcome him to his new role and express Council's continued commitment to collaboration with the University of Wollongong.

MAYORAL MINUTE

ITEM: MAYOR 03
SUBJECT: Congratulations to Sonja Vujanic – Finalist in the 2025 7NEWS Young Achiever Awards
REPORT OF: Mayor Ned Mannoun

I wish to formally acknowledge and extend heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Sonja Vujanic of Liverpool, who has been recognised as a finalist in the 2025 7NEWS Young Achiever Awards for New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, an event that was attended by our Deputy Mayor Cllr Harle on behalf of Council.

Ms. Vujanic's dedication to youth advocacy and community empowerment is truly commendable. As an executive member of Teach Learn Grow, she played a pivotal role in expanding the program's reach into New South Wales, significantly increasing volunteer participation and enhancing educational support for students in need.

In addition to her work with Teach Learn Grow, Ms. Vujanic led the NSW Youth Advisory Council's mental health initiative, providing valuable insights and advice to government leaders on critical youth issues.

Ms. Vujanic embodies the spirit of leadership and service that enriches our community. Her commitment to education, mental health advocacy, and youth empowerment serves as an inspiration to all.

RECOMMENDATION:

I move that Council:

1. Formally congratulate Ms. Sonja Vujanic on her recognition as a finalist in the 2025 7NEWS Young Achiever Awards;
2. Acknowledge her significant contributions to youth advocacy, education, and community service within Liverpool and beyond; and
3. That a certificate of recognition be presented to Ms. Vujanic, by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Cllr Harle in appreciation of her service to the Liverpool community.

MAYORAL MINUTE

ITEM NO: MAYOR 04
SUBJECT: Celebrating 60 Years of Service by Hoxton Industries
REPORT OF: Mayor Ned Mannoun

It is with great pride that I bring to the Council's attention a significant milestone in our community. This year marks the 60th anniversary of Hoxton Industries, a cornerstone of Hoxton Park and the broader Liverpool region.

Established in 1969, Hoxton Industries has grown into a leading provider of packaging, warehousing, and recycling solutions. Their services encompass co-packing, shrink wrapping, palletising, and de-palletising, among others. Beyond their commercial success, Hoxton Industries stands out for its unwavering commitment to social responsibility. As a registered charity and Australian Disability Enterprise, they have been instrumental in providing employment opportunities for people with disabilities and others facing barriers to mainstream employment

Over the past six decades, Hoxton Industries has not only contributed to our local economy but has also fostered an inclusive community where every individual is valued and empowered. Their dedication to ethical practices and community engagement sets a benchmark for businesses across the region.

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that Council:

1. Formally acknowledges and congratulates Hoxton Industries on their 60th anniversary; and
2. Recognises their outstanding contributions to employment inclusivity, environmental sustainability, and community development.

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.

MAYORAL MINUTE

ITEM NO: MAYOR 05
SUBJECT: Congratulations to King's Birthday Honours Recipients – Jennifer Westacott AO and Kathleen Margaret Smith OAM
REPORT OF: Mayor Ned Mannoun

I take this opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate three outstanding Australians who have been recognised in the 2025 King's Birthday Honours for their exceptional contributions to our nation.

Professor Jennifer Westacott AO has been appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) – the highest level of the Order - for distinguished service to public administration, business, and policy reform. Professor Westacott's decades of leadership in both the public and private sectors have shaped national conversations on economic development, social inclusion, and infrastructure.

Professor Westacott's contributions have been particularly significant for Liverpool. As a key figure in the establishment of Bradfield – the new high-tech city being developed near the Western Sydney International Airport – she has played a vital role in shaping one of the most transformative infrastructure and innovation projects in our nation's history.

Her leadership as Chancellor of Western Sydney University continues to drive positive outcomes for education, research and economic participation across our region.

Ms Kathleen Margaret Smith OAM has been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for her dedicated service to the Liverpool community. Ms Smith's long-standing involvement in local community organisations, particularly in the fields of education and aged care, exemplifies the spirit of service and compassion. Her tireless advocacy has improved the lives of countless residents and embodies the values we hold dear in Liverpool.

These honours serve as a powerful reminder of the impact individuals can have when they dedicate themselves to serving others. On behalf of Liverpool City Council, I extend our heartfelt congratulations and appreciation to both Professor Westacott and Ms Smith. Their achievements are a source of great pride for our community and our country.

Mr Robert Fleeton OAM has been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in recognition of his exceptional service to sports administration and the Moorebank community. Bob, as he was more affectionately known, was a foundational figure in Liverpool's sporting landscape. He co-founded the Moorebank Rams Junior Rugby League Club in the early 1990s and served as its president from 1975 to 1994. His leadership extended to the Moorebank Sports Club, where he was the driving force behind its construction in 1994 and served as president from 1995 to 2019, and again from 2020 to 2021.

MAYORAL MINUTE

ITEM NO: MAYOR 06
SUBJECT: Commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide
REPORT OF: Mayor Ned Mannoun

Background:

Council has received a formal request from the Consulate of Bosnia and Herzegovina seeking support to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide.

This anniversary remains a deeply significant and painful milestone for the Bosnian community both globally and here in Liverpool. Many families in our local area continue to carry the trauma of these events, and it is fitting that Council supports their efforts to remember, reflect, and educate.

Proposal:

Council proposes to provide in-kind support for a commemorative event to be held at Liverpool Powerhouse (formerly Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre) on 5 July 2025 (or other date in July). The event will include a visual display, light entertainment, and a film screening, and will be open to the broader community in the spirit of remembrance, reflection, and solidarity.

The estimated value of Council’s in-kind contribution, which includes waiving venue hire fees and providing staff resources, is approximately \$5,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1 Endorses its support for the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide to be held at Liverpool Powerhouse on 5 July 2025 or other date in July.
- 2 Provides in-kind assistance to the value of approximately \$5,000, covering venue hire and staffing resources.
- 3 Acknowledges the ongoing trauma experienced by members of the Bosnian community and reaffirms its commitment to supporting multicultural communities through events that promote education, remembrance, and unity.

On being put to the meeting the motion (moved by Mayor Mannoun) was declared CARRIED and the Foreshadowed motion (moved by Clr Karnib) therefore lapsed and was not voted on.

Division called:

Vote for: Mayor Mannoun, Clr Adjei, Clr Ammoun, Clr Dr Green, Deputy Mayor Harle, Clr Harte, Clr Ibrahim, Clr Karnib, Clr Macnaught and Clr Monaghan.

Vote against: Clr Ristevski.

Foreshadowed motion: Moved: Clr Karnib Seconded: Clr Ristevski

That this item be deferred until the budgetary items in this agenda are dealt with.

ITEM NO: PLAN 02
FILE NO: 143626.2024
SUBJECT: Liverpool Community Participation Plan - Proposed Amendments

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council:

1. Receives and notes this Report;
2. Endorses the draft Community Participation Plan 2025 (**Attachment 5**) for public exhibition, without making changes to the Waste or resource management facility, freight transport facility, heavy industry, transport and truck depot, vehicle body repair workshop, crematorium, flood mitigation works and helipad notifications;
3. Publicly exhibits the draft Community Participation Plan 2025 for a minimum period of 28 days;
4. Receives a Post-Exhibition Report detailing the outcomes of the public exhibition period; and
5. Delegates to the CEO (or delegate) authority to amend the Community Participation Plan 2025 for any typographical and minor amendments as required.

Amendment: **Moved: Cllr Macnaught** **Seconded: Cllr Ammoun**

That Council:

1. Receives and notes this Report;
2. Endorses the draft Community Participation Plan 2025 (**Attachment 5**) for public exhibition;
3. Publicly exhibits the draft Community Participation Plan 2025 for a minimum period of 28 days;
4. Receives a Post-Exhibition Report detailing the outcomes of the public exhibition period; and
5. Delegates to the CEO (or delegate) authority to amend the Community Participation Plan 2025 for any typographical and minor amendments as required.

COMMUNITY & LIFESTYLE REPORTS

ITEM NO: COM 01

FILE NO: 179617.2025

SUBJECT: Report back to Council: Dissolution of the Liverpool Access Committee - member consultation

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion:

Moved: Cllr Harte

Seconded: Cllr Adjei

That Council:

1. Dissolve the Liverpool Access Committee and its Charter in its current form; and
2. Establishes a Disability Consultation Register.
3. Direct the CEO that a report come back to Council in three months as to any feedback that comes back from the stakeholders to determine if the implementation of the new Disability Consultation Register is fit for purpose.

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

ITEM NO: COM 02
FILE NO: 182421.2025
SUBJECT: Council Grants Donations and Sponsorship Report

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Monaghan** **Seconded: Cllr Ammoun**

That Council:

1. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$10,000** (GST exclusive) under the **Sustainable Environment Grant Program** for the following projects:

Applicant	Project	Recommended
St Francis Catholic College	The St Francis Greenhouse	\$5,000
Wattle Grove Public School	Our Backyard - Phase 2	\$5,000

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

Clr Macnaught returned to the Chamber at 7.51pm.

ITEM NO: CORP 04
FILE NO: 166172.2025
SUBJECT: Investment Report May 2025

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Deputy Mayor Harle** **Seconded: Clr Harte**

That the Council receives and notes this report.

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

Note: Council previously resolved to receive a property portfolio report that is accompanied with the investment report. It is requested that the property portfolio report is received next month.

ITEM NO: CORP 07
FILE NO: 190217.2025
SUBJECT: Proposed Granting of an easement for Gas Main over Council land identified as Lot 201 in DP 1194243, Kurrajong Road, Carnes Hill.

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council note that negotiations are ongoing with Jemena in respect to the terms of the draft Deed of Agreement and 88B instrument for registration of the gas easement.

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

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**ITEM NO:** QWN 01**FILE NO:** 177063.2025**SUBJECT:** Question with Notice - Cllr Ristevski - Legal Fees

Please address the following:

1. Which Councillors have their legal expenses covered by the ratepayers for the Public Inquiry?
2. How much are the legal fees for each Councillors for the Public Inquiry?
3. Will Council's insurance premiums increase because of this?
4. Is there an excess on the legal fees' insurance claim for Councillors for the Public Inquiry and if so who is paying for this?

Responses (provided by Corporate Support)

1. It is not expected that any councillors will have their legal expenses covered by ratepayers for the public inquiry. Councillors and employees of Liverpool City Council are covered under the applicable insurance policy as Insured Persons. Therefore, should any councillor, or employee, attend or participate in the Public Inquiry, the associated legal costs will be met by the insurer, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy.
2. While each Councillor is covered under the relevant insurance policy, with respect to the Public Inquiry, the extent of their individual involvement will ultimately determine the amount of legal fees incurred.
3. Council insures through a mutual arrangement involving 27 councils (Civic Risk Mutual). The cost of management liability insurance will be negotiated in October, so any increase is not known at this time. The following matters can be stated:
 - (a) claims will contribute to the claims history of Civic Risk Mutual and may impact the cost of Management Liability insurance,
 - (b) insurance costs are shared between the 27 members of Civic Risk Mutual,
 - (c) contributions for management liability insurance are based on council size,
 - (d) there is no factor included for the claim experience of individual councils, so Liverpool will not have any loading added for these claims.
4. Council is awaiting confirmation from the insurers about this. In some circumstances there may be an applicable excess in respect of claims for cover by councillors for the Public Inquiry. To the extent this is applied, this is met by Council.

ITEM NO: QWN 02
FILE NO: 184593.2025
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Clr Harte - Payouts

Please address the following:

1. Since 2018, how many staff (excluding the executive level) have received a redundancy, or separation payment, or ex-gratia arrangement, or any other confidential settlement that exceeded one year's gross salary?
2. For each occasion, without identifying each former employee:
 - (a) Can the gross amount of payment be provided?
 - (b) Who authorised the payment?
 - (c) Was legal advice obtained?
 - (d) Were such arrangements reported to Council?

Responses (provided by Corporate Support)

1. **Since 2018, how many staff (excluding the executive level) have received a redundancy, or separation payment, or ex-gratia arrangement, or any other confidential settlement that exceeded one year's gross salary?**

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2. **For each occasion, without identifying each former employee:**
 - (a) Can the gross amount of payment be provided?**
 - (b) Who authorised the payment?**
 - (c) Was legal advice obtained?**
 - (d) Were such arrangements reported to Council?**

Person A

- (a) Can the gross amount of payment be provided?** *No, confidential under a deed*
- (b) Who authorised the payment?** *CEO, Dr Eddie Jackson*
- (c) Was legal advice obtained?** *Yes, legal advice was obtained.*
- (d) Were such arrangements reported to Council?** *No, operational issue.*

Person B

- (a) Can the gross amount of payment be provided?** *No, confidential under a deed*
- (b) Who authorised the payment?** *CEO, John Ajaka*
- (c) Was legal advice obtained?** *Yes, legal advice was obtained.*
- (d) Were such arrangements reported to Council?** *No, operational issue.*

PLANNING AND COMPLIANCE REPORT

ITEM NO: PLAN 05
FILE NO: 185837.2025
SUBJECT: Energy Savings Certificate (ESC) Sale

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council:

1. Approves sale of 44,580 ESCs, through Ironbark Sustainability Pty Ltd, that is estimated to be valued at \$843,454
2. Authorises the CEO to execute the sale of the remaining 5,600 ESCs on completion of the project.
3. Authorises the CEO or his delegate to execute any documentation that may be required to complete these sales.
4. Authorises the CEO to decide the appropriate timing of the sale based on market pricing.

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

Mayor Mannoun then tabled a previous Mayoral Minute, item no: MAYOR 01 - The Office of Local Government's Review of the Councillor Conduct Framework from the 20 November 2024 Council meeting which was LOST at that meeting.

The Mayoral Minute was dealt with as shown below:

Clr Macnaught left the Chamber at 8:40pm.

Clr Macnaught returned to the Chamber at 8:41pm.

MAYORAL MINUTE

ITEM: MAYOR 07
SUBJECT: The Office of Local Government's Review of the Councillor Conduct Framework
REPORT OF: Mayor Ned Mannoun

The Office of Local Government (OLG) is completing a comprehensive review of the Councillor Conduct Framework, proposing updates to promote accountability, transparency, and integrity across New South Wales councils. These recommendations cover critical areas, including clearer behavioural standards, a refined dispute resolution and penalty framework, and measures to restore professionalism in council meetings. Liverpool City Council's endorsement of these changes reflects our commitment to governance, excellence and public trust.

Key Recommendations being considered:

1. **Changes to the Code of Conduct and Oath of Office:**
 - Enhanced Code of Conduct Requirements: The OLG proposes aligning councillor conduct with parliamentary standards, establishing clearer behavioural expectations. Updates to the Oath of Office will further reinforce councillors' commitment to ethical public service.
2. **Changes to the Definitions and Assessment of Councillor Behaviour:**
 - Clearer Behavioural Definitions: Revised definitions are proposed to better address significant conduct issues and reduce minor complaints, focusing the complaints process on substantive matters.
 - Stricter Regulations for Property Developers and Real Estate Agents: The OLG recommends stricter standards for councillors with ties to property development or real estate to address potential conflicts of interest, ensuring impartial decision-making.
 - Addressing Inappropriate Lobbying: The OLG proposes guidelines to address inappropriate lobbying, ensuring councillors engage with stakeholders transparently and avoid undue influence that could impact council decisions.

3. **Changes to Dispute Resolution and Penalty Framework:**

- State-Wide Peer Panel for Behavioural Issues: A state-wide panel of experienced councillors would handle behaviour-related complaints, providing a fair and peer-reviewed oversight mechanism.
- Centralized Conflict of Interest Management: The OLG recommends managing significant conflicts of interest at a state level, applying a structured penalty system to ensure consistency across councils.
- Referral of Significant Sanctions: For serious breaches, the OLG proposes that significant sanctions be referred to an appropriate independent tribunal or body, ensuring that higher-level penalties are reviewed and administered by an impartial authority.

4. **Restoring Dignity to Council Meetings:**

- Increased Transparency and Order in Meetings: The OLG recommends empowering mayors to address disruptions by imposing sanctions to ensure respect and order within council proceedings.
- Banning Closed-Door Councillor Sessions: To improve transparency, the OLG suggests banning private councillor briefings, ensuring all council deliberations remain accessible to the public and fostering community trust.

These recommendations represent essential reforms aimed at upholding integrity, transparency, and accountability in local councils across New South Wales. By supporting these changes, Liverpool City Council demonstrates its commitment to the highest standards of governance and professional conduct in serving our community.

¹RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Formally endorses each recommendation in the OLG's review of the Councillor Conduct Framework, recognising these changes as essential for maintaining and enhancing public trust in local government.
2. Makes a submission to the OLG outlining its formal endorsement in support of the proposed framework.
3. In its submission, advocates for the NSW Government to consider adopting a similar conduct framework at the state level, ensuring consistency and reinforcing public confidence in governance across all tiers.
4. Directs the Acting CEO to submit Liverpool City Council's endorsement by the OLG's specified deadline.
5. Immediately implement open door Briefing Sessions.
6. Write to the Minister expressing our support.

¹ **Note: the Recommendation is from the 20 November 2024 meeting.**

OPERATIONS REPORTS

ITEM NO: OPER 03

FILE NO: 164067.2025

SUBJECT: Floodplain and Stormwater Management Policy

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion:

Moved: Cllr Harte

Seconded: Cllr Ammoun

That this item be deferred to a Governance Committee meeting.

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

ITEM NO: NOM 02
FILE NO: 167062.2025
SUBJECT: Support for Local Businesses through Tender Loadings in Liverpool LGA

Background

This motion aims to support our local economy, create jobs, and ensure that Liverpool's community benefits directly from the Council's procurement activities.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cllr Ristevski)

That Council:

1. Recognises the significant economic challenges facing our community, with Liverpool having one of the highest unemployment rates in the country, and the importance of supporting local businesses to foster economic growth and community resilience.
2. Notes the benefits of prioritising local businesses in Council tenders, including:
 - i. Stimulating local job creation and employment opportunities.
 - ii. Boosting the local economy through increased spending and investment.
 - iii. Strengthening the sustainability and resilience of Liverpool's business community.
3. Resolves to implement a local business loading or weighting system in the tendering process, which provides additional points or considerations for businesses that are based within the Liverpool LGA when bidding for Council contracts.
4. Further resolves to:
 - i. Develop clear criteria and guidelines to ensure transparency and fairness in the tender process.
 - ii. Engage with local businesses and stakeholders to promote awareness and participation.
 - iii. Monitor and report annually on the outcomes of this initiative, including the proportion of council contracts awarded to local businesses and related economic impacts.
5. Calls on the relevant department within Council to commence work immediately to incorporate these considerations into future tenders and to report back to Council within three months on the implementation plan.

ITEM NO: NOM 03
FILE NO: 167102.2025
SUBJECT: Inclusion of Councillors' Political Affiliations on the Council's Website

Background

Transparency in local government is fundamental to fostering community trust and ensuring that residents have access to pertinent information regarding their elected representatives. Publishing councillors' political affiliations aligns with best practices in governance transparency and supports an open, accountable local democracy.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cllr Ristevski)

That:

1. The Council's official website, under the "Councillors" tab, include a clear indication of each Councillor's political affiliation.
2. Council further resolves that the Council's Communications Department be tasked with implementing this update promptly and that ongoing reviews be conducted to ensure the accuracy and currency of this information.
3. Council notes that this initiative promotes transparency and accountability by providing residents with accessible information about their representatives' political alignments.
4. Council recognises that such transparency can:
 - i. Enhance community trust in local governance.
 - ii. Enable residents to make more informed decisions when engaging with their representatives.
 - iii. Foster a greater understanding of the political landscape within the Council.
 - iv. Support informed debate and civic participation.

ITEM NO: NOM 04
FILE NO: 176764.2025
SUBJECT: Provision of Food and Snacks for Public Attendees at Liverpool Council Meetings

Background

Community engagement is a cornerstone of effective local governance. By providing food and snacks at council meetings, we can remove barriers to attendance, such as time constraints or lack of refreshments, and demonstrate our commitment to fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment for all residents.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cllr Ristevski)

That Council resolves to:

1. Implement the provision of light refreshments, including food and snacks, for members of the public attending council meetings to promote greater community engagement and ensure accessibility for all residents;
2. Allocate the necessary funds for this initiative from the existing budget designated for dinner provisions for councillors attending evening meetings. This reallocation will ensure the initiative is cost-effective and sustainable without requiring additional expenditure;
3. Recognise that offering food and refreshments during meetings encourages increased attendance, participation, and a sense of welcome among community members, thereby strengthening democratic processes within our city; and
4. Establish a process to ensure that the provision of food and snacks is managed efficiently, hygienically, and in accordance with health and safety standards.

Clr Ibrahim left the Chambers at 9:39pm.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NO: CONF 01
FILE NO: 125983.2025
SUBJECT: ST3360 Request for Tender - Vet Services and Animal Boarding

This item was dealt with later in the meeting in Closed Session pursuant to the provisions of pursuant to the provisions of s10A(2)(d i) of the *Local Government Act 1993* because it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it

ITEM NO: CONF 02
FILE NO: 185643.2025
SUBJECT: Liverpool Youth Council Member Nominations 2025 - 2027

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Macnaught** **Seconded: Clr Karnib**

1. That Council endorse the proposed members of the Liverpool Youth Council 2025 – 2027:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Suburb:</u>
Fariha Dean	Green Valley
Faiza Alhaboub	Edmondson Park
Shaila Narayan	Wattle Grove
Emily Organa	West Hoxton
Danielle Amosa	Mt Pritchard
Caroline Nguyen	Horningsea Park
Anjani Prakash	Liverpool
Rafeef Al-Majidi	Miller
Ahmad Walid Dabboussi	Leppington
Yousef Al Masri	Busby
Aaryan Khan	Casula
Mohammed Alhadi	Casula

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Clr Ibrahim returned to the Chambers at 9:43pm.

ITEM NO: CONF 03
FILE NO: 182457.2025
SUBJECT: RCL3259 Provision of Security Guard Services for Liverpool City Council's Buildings and Facilities

This item was dealt with later in the meeting in Closed Session pursuant to the provisions of s10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

ITEM NO: CONF 04
FILE NO: 185899.2025
SUBJECT: Consideration of an Application for the acquisition of land on the grounds of hardship - 26 Derwent Avenue, Bradfield identified as Part of Lot 82 DP 864799

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Macnaught** **Seconded: Clr Harte**

It is resolved that Council:

1. Notes that:
 - i. Part of Lot 82 DP 8864799 (Land) is zoned SP2 Infrastructure (Local Drainage) and RE1 - Public Recreation under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Precincts - Western Parkland City – Western Sydney Aerotropolis) 2021 and is reserved for future acquisition by Council;
 - ii. The owners of the Land have made a hardship application pursuant to Division 3, Part 2 of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 (NSW) (Acquisition Act);
 - iii. Advice has been provided that the Owners have satisfied the requirements to establish hardship for the acquisition of the SP2 Infrastructure (Local Drainage) and RE1 Public Recreation zoned land under the Acquisition Act;
 - iv. Subject to Council adopting a resolution to proceed to compulsory acquisition on hardship provisions, a Plan of Acquisition will be prepared and a valuation will be obtained and a “without prejudice” offer made to the owners.
 - v. If the owners accept Council’s offer a further report will be submitted to Council seeking approval to purchase prior to compulsory acquisition;
 - vi. If an agreement is not reached on the amount of compensation payable through the voluntary negotiations, then compensation will be determined by the Valuer General under s41 of the Acquisition Act.

2. Notes that the purchase of the portions of the subject property zoned SP2 Infrastructure (Local Drainage) and RE1 Public Recreation have a total area of approximately 8,144m² (subject to survey).
3. Proceeds with the compulsory acquisition of the Land under S186 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) and in accordance with the Acquisition Act.
4. Delegates authority to, and directs the Chief Executive Officer and his delegates, to proceed with making the necessary application to the Minister for Local Government and the Governor in accordance with the *Local Government Act, 1993* to obtain approval to acquire the property in accordance with the Acquisition Act;
5. Takes all necessary actions to proceed with and complete the compulsory acquisition of the land in accordance with the applicable legislation, including making any application or giving notice to the relevant Minister and the Governor and serving or publishing any other documentation or notice.
6. Delegates authority to and directs the Chief Executive Officer and his delegates to enter into negotiations with the property owner and/or their representative to acquire the property by agreement and enter into any agreement reached with the Owner pursuant to S30 of the Acquisition Act without having to submit a further report to Council for approval.
7. Authorises payment of compensation as determined by the Valuer General, if accepted by the Owner, plus statutory interest in accordance with S49 of the Acquisition Act;
8. If the Owner commences proceedings in the Land and Environment Court (Court), authorises:
 - i. Payment to the Owner of 90% of the compensation as determined by the Valuer-General pursuant to s68(2)(a) of the Acquisition Act, or if that payment is not accepted by the Owner, pay that amount into trust pursuant to s68(2)(b) of the Acquisition Act.
 - ii. Engage solicitors, experts and counsel, as needed, to defend Council's position in Court; and
 - iii. Payment of compensation in accordance with the Order issued by the Court.
9. Authorises its delegated officer to execute any document, under Power of Attorney, necessary to give effect to this decision; and
10. Keeps this report confidential pursuant to the provisions of Section 10(A)(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act, 1993* as this information would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

ITEM NO: CONF 01
FILE NO: 125983.2025
SUBJECT: ST3360 Request for Tender - Vet Services and Animal Boarding

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council:

1. Declines to accept the tender submission, in accordance with section 178(1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.
2. Declines to accept fresh tender submissions or applications for the following reasons:
 - a. the poor response to the request for tenders, and
 - b. the known shortage of animal shelter providers as highlighted in the Report of the NSW Legislative Inquiry into Pounds in NSW published on 18 October 2024.
3. Authorises the CEO or delegate to negotiate with the one and only tenderer as identified in the body of this report for the following reasons.
 - a. The Tenderer has submitted an offer to perform the services but cannot be accepted by Council in its current form.
 - b. The submitted Schedule of Rates is considered generally competitive and reflects a reasonable cost for the scope of services required.
 - c. The Tenderer is Council's current service provider and has demonstrated satisfactory performance in the delivery of animal shelter and veterinary services to date.
 - d. The Tenderer is the only known provider currently able to meet Council's full-service requirements, including the necessary infrastructure, capacity, and proximity to deliver animal shelter and veterinary care within the required parameters.
4. Authorises the CEO to enter into a contract with the tenderer or to report back to Council should a satisfactory agreement not be reached.
5. Makes public its decision regarding tender ST3360 – Animal Shelter and Veterinary Services.
6. Authorises the CEO or delegate to execute all documents necessary to give effect to this resolution, and

7. Keeps confidential the details supplied in this report containing information on the submission 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.

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

ITEM NO: CONF 03
FILE NO: 182457.2025
SUBJECT: RCL3259 Provision of Security Guard Services for Liverpool City Council's Buildings and Facilities

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Macnaught** **Seconded: Cllr Harte**

That Council:

1. Accept the Tenders from the below listed contractors for tender RCL3259 Provision of Security Guard Services (for the shortlisted portions) for an initial three (3) year contract term with the option of extending two (2) x 12 months on a schedule of rates;
 - Allied Integrated Management Group Pty Ltd
 - Business Security & Management Solutions Pty Ltd
 - ECS International Security
 - National Integrated Services Pty Ltd
 - Vibrant Services Pty Ltd
2. Makes public its decision regarding tender **RCL3259** – Provision of Security Guard Services for Liverpool City Council's Buildings and Facilities;
3. Agrees that Council should issue letters of award to the successful tenderers and enter into formal instruments of agreement pursuant to which work will be placed to panel members;
4. 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;
5. 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;
6. Authorises the CEO or delegate to take any action necessary to give effect to these resolutions; and

7. Direct that an agenda item for the next Governance Committee meeting be tabled to explore direct employment of security services in certain situations.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.31pm by Deputy Mayor Harle.

<Signature>

Name: Ned Mannoun

Title: Mayor

Date: 23 July 2025

I have authorised a stamp bearing my signature to be affixed to the pages of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 June 2025. I confirm that Council has adopted these Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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