MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 24 SEPTEMBER 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 Services
Ms Tina Bono, Director Community & Lifestyle
Mr David Galpin, General Counsel
Ms Justine Young, Acting Manager Civic and Executive Services

The meeting commenced at 9:30pm.

STATEMENT REGARDING WEBCASTING OF MEETING	The Mayor read the following: In accordance with clause 5.35 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." In relation to clause 4.1A – Where a public forum is held as part of a Council meeting, it must be conducted in accordance with the other requirements of this Code relating to the Conduct of Council, which means that the public forum will be broadcast via live stream on Council's webpage and included in the subsequent audio-visual recording of this meeting.

MOTION TO NOTE PRIOR OPENING OF MEETING FORMALITIES

Motion: **Moved: Clr Macnaught** **Seconded: Clr Adjei**

That Council does not repeat the opening formalities of Acknowledgement/s, Prayer of Council, and the Australian National Anthem, as these were already conducted at the earlier Ordinary Meeting of Council held 24 September 2025 at 6:00pm.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this item.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT/S, PRAYER OF COUNCIL AND AFFIRMATION	Nil.
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM	Nil.

APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

Ms Lina Kakish, Director Planning and Design.
Mr Peter Scicluna, Director Operations.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Item: CONF 01 – Staff Matter.

Reason: Currently under subpoena in the public inquiry into Liverpool City Council and under oath with evidence yet to be completed, and in accordance with legal advice received, will not participate in discussions related.

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

Note: The Extraordinary Council meeting was adjourned to 26 September 2025 due to lack of quorum during this item. On 25 September 2025, the adjourned meeting was subsequently cancelled in accordance with 5.14 of the Code of Meeting Practice Policy.

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

Item: CONF 01 – Staff Matter.

Reason: Does not wish to involve in the discussion due to the ongoing investigation with the public inquiry into Liverpool City Council of which he is a participant.

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

Note: The Extraordinary Council meeting was adjourned to 26 September 2025 due to lack of quorum during this item. On 25 September 2025, the adjourned meeting was subsequently cancelled in accordance with 5.14 of the Code of Meeting Practice Policy.

Clr Dr Green declared non-pecuniary, significant interest in the following item:

Item: CONF 01 – Staff Matter.

Reason: Currently under subpoena in the public inquiry into Liverpool City Council and under oath with evidence yet to be completed, and in accordance with legal advice received from two separate sources, will not participate in discussions related.

Clr Dr Green left the Chambers for the duration of this item.

Note: The Extraordinary Council meeting was adjourned to 26 September 2025 due to lack of quorum during this item. On 25 September 2025, the adjourned meeting was subsequently cancelled in accordance with 5.14 of the Code of Meeting Practice Policy.

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

Item: CONF 01 – Staff Matter.

Reason: Does not wish to involve in the discussion due to the ongoing investigation with the public inquiry into Liverpool City Council of which he is a participant, and in accordance with legal advice received from two separate sources, will not participate in discussions related.

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

Note: The Extraordinary Council meeting was adjourned to 26 September 2025 due to lack of quorum during this item. On 25 September 2025, the adjourned meeting was subsequently cancelled in accordance with 5.14 of the Code of Meeting Practice Policy.

Clr Harte declared non-pecuniary, significant interest in the following item:

Item: CONF 01 – Staff Matter.

Reason: Has been issued a summons to provide evidence in the public inquiry into Liverpool City Council, which may include matters relating to this motion, and in accordance with the two sources of legal advice provided to all Councillors.

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

Note: The Extraordinary Council meeting was adjourned to 26 September 2025 due to lack of quorum during this item. On 25 September 2025, the adjourned meeting was subsequently cancelled in accordance with 5.14 of the Code of Meeting Practice Policy.

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

Item: CONF 01 – Staff Matter.

Reason: Item being considered conflicts with obligations of the public inquiry, will not participate in discussion related to the investigation.

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

Note: The Extraordinary Council meeting was adjourned to 26 September 2025 due to lack of quorum during this item. On 25 September 2025, the adjourned meeting was subsequently cancelled in accordance with 5.14 of the Code of Meeting Practice Policy.

Mr Jason Breton declared a pecuniary, significant interest in the following item:

Item: CONF 01 – Staff Matter.

Reason: Is a witness in the public inquiry into Liverpool City Council, and the motion directly concerns him.

Mr Jason Breton remained in the Chambers for the duration of this item.

Note: The Extraordinary Council meeting was adjourned to 26 September 2025 due to lack of quorum during this item. On 25 September 2025, the adjourned meeting was subsequently cancelled in accordance with 5.14 of the Code of Meeting Practice Policy.

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

Item: CONF 01 – Staff Matter.

Reason: The nature of the matter directly relates to the public inquiry into Liverpool City Council. A summons has been issued, and in accordance with two sources of legal advice, discussion on this matter is not considered appropriate

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

Note: The Extraordinary Council meeting was adjourned to 26 September 2025 due to lack of quorum during this item. On 25 September 2025, the adjourned meeting was subsequently cancelled in accordance with 5.14 of the Code of Meeting Practice Policy.

Ms Tina Bono declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the following item:

Item: CONF 01 – Staff Matter.

Reason: Has been mentioned in the proposed NOM.

Ms Tina Bono left the Chambers for the duration of this item.

Note: The Extraordinary Council meeting was adjourned to 26 September 2025 due to lack of quorum during this item. On 25 September 2025, the adjourned meeting was subsequently cancelled in accordance with 5.14 of the Code of Meeting Practice Policy.

Clr Macnaught, Clr Ammoun, Clr Dr Green, Clr Adjei, Clr Harte, Mayor Mannoun and Ms Tina Bono left the Chambers at 9:36pm in accordance with the Declarations of Interest.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NO: CONF 01
FILE NO: 319645.2025
SUBJECT: Staff Matter

COUNCIL DECISION

Clr Monaghan then cited clauses 5.11 (c) and 5.12 (b) of the Code of Meeting Practice Policy, which states:

5.11 A meeting of the council must be adjourned if a quorum is not present:
(a) at the commencement of the meeting where the number of apologies received for the meeting indicates that there will not be a quorum for the meeting, or
(b) within half an hour after the time designated for the holding of the meeting, or
(c) at any time during the meeting.

5.12 In either case, the meeting must be adjourned to a time, date and place fixed:
(a) by the chairperson, or
(b) in the chairperson's absence, by the majority of the councillors present, or
(c) failing that, by the CEO.

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

That the meeting be adjourned due to the absence of a quorum and reconvened on Friday 26 September 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers, Level 1, 50 Scott Street, Liverpool.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this item (Clr Monaghan, Clr Karnib, Clr Ibrahim and Clr Ristevski).

Note: Clr Macnaught, Clr Ammoun, Clr Dr Green, Clr Adjei, Clr Harte, Mayor Mannoun and Ms Tina Bono were not in the Chambers when this motion was voted on.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:37PM.

<Signature>

Name: Ned Mannoun

Title: Mayor

Date: 29 October 2025

I have authorised a stamp bearing my signature to be affixed to the pages of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 September 2025. I confirm that Council has adopted these Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.