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1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The following minutes are submitted for confirmation -

1.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council of 12 December 2017 ........................................7
HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.03 PM.

REF: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
(73) CLR. DOWNEY./CLR. ISHAC
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 November 2017 be adopted.

- CARRIED

SECTION 2: LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Nil

SECTION 3: DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR NON-PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST
Nil

SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 4.1 RECODING CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN
(74) CLR. ASFOUR
RESOLVED that Council write to the Premier requesting $2.5 million funding as a ‘priority Council’ to accelerate its preparation of a new planning framework for the city

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.2 FREE POOL ENTRY FOR CHILDREN IN JANUARY
(75) CLR. ASFOUR
RESOLVED that the Mayoral Minute be endorsed.

- CARRIED
ITEM 4.3  BANKSTOWN POETRY SLAM - GRAND SLAMMERS 2017

(76) CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that Council support the request from the Bankstown Poetry Slam and donate $1,500 to assist in covering the costs of staging the Grand Slammers 2017 and the funds be made available from Council’s Community Grants and Sponsorship budget.

- CARRIED

SECTION 5: PLANNING MATTERS

ITEM 5.1  PLANNING CONTROLS FOR BOARDING HOUSES

(77) CLR. EISLER;/CLR. TUNTEVSKI

RESOLVED that

1. Council resolve to prepare a planning proposal to align the planning controls of the former Canterbury Council with those of the former Bankstown Council in relation to boarding houses.

2. Controls be introduced into the Canterbury Development Control Plan 2012 for boarding houses that generally accord with those in the Bankstown Development Control Plan 2015.

3. The planning proposal be submitted to the Greater Sydney Commission for a Gateway Determination once prepared.

4. A further report be prepared to Council after the response from the Greater Sydney Commission is received.

- CARRIED

For:- Clrs Asfour, Downey, Eisler, El-Hayek, Harika, Huda, Ishac, Kuskoff, Madirazza, Raffan, Saleh, Tuntevski, Waud, Zakhia and Zaman

Against:- Nil
ITEM 5.2  
680-682 CANTERBURY ROAD, CANTERBURY - DRAFT VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT

(78) CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. KUSKOFF

RESOLVED that

1. The draft Voluntary Planning Agreement as shown in Attachment A be placed on exhibition in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.

2. The General Manager be given delegation to make minor mapping or wording amendments.

3. The matter to be reported to Council following the public exhibition.

- CARRIED

For:- Clrs Asfour, Downey, Eisler, El-Hayek, Harika, Huda, Ishac, Kuskoff, Madirazza, Raffan, Saleh, Tuntevski, Waud, Zakhia and Zaman

Against:- Nil

ITEM 5.3  
297-299 CANTERBURY ROAD, CANTERBURY - DRAFT VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT

(79) CLR. MADIRAZZA:/CLR. ZAKHIA

RESOLVED that

1. Council endorse the exhibited draft Voluntary Planning Agreement in respect of land at 297-299 Canterbury Road, Canterbury, relating to the dedication of land required for laneway widening, and necessary steps be undertaken to execute the relevant document.

2. The General Manager be given delegation to make minor mapping and wording amendments.

- CARRIED

For:- Clrs Asfour, Downey, Eisler, El-Hayek, Harika, Huda, Ishac, Kuskoff, Madirazza, Raffan, Saleh, Tuntevski, Waud, Zakhia and Zaman

Against:- Nil
ITEM 5.4  SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT GREATER SYDNEY REGION PLAN AND DRAFT SOUTH DISTRICT PLAN

(80) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. TUNTEVSKI

RESOLVED that Council endorse the submission to the Draft Greater Sydney Region Plan and Draft South District Plan as outlined in this report subject to the following amendments to be included:

Page 9 – Recommendation
• Coordinate a whole-of-government approach to encourage government to identify land acquisition sites for new schools and acquire them.

• Coordinate a whole-of-government approach to insist that government provide firm commitments to deliver hospital upgrades and expanded health / aged care services, and to support the emerging health and education precinct in Bankstown.

Page 11 – Government-led urban renewal projects
In the case of the Draft Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy, Council objects to the Draft Strategy’s suggestion to utilise railway easements, car parks, verges and footpaths to create a network of small pocket parks.

Page 12 – Recommendation
• Seek a firm commitment from Transport for NSW that it will deliver the full length of the linear park as part of the Sydney Metro Southwest project at no expense to Council.

- CARRIED

ITEM 5.5  SUBMISSION TO THE FUTURE TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2056

THE GENERAL MANAGER PROVIDED COUNCILLORS WITH AN UPDATED SUBMISSION TO THE FUTURE TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2056.

(81) CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. DOWNEY

RESOLVED that Council endorse the submission to the Future Transport 2056 suite of documents as outlined in this report.

- CARRIED
ITEM 5.6  REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS AND SECTION 96 APPLICATIONS DETERMINED FOR THE 2017/18 FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE AND SUMMARY OF PLANNING RELATED COURT MATTERS FOR THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR

(82) CLR. KUSKOFF:/CLR. DOWNEY

RESOLVED that the contents of this report be noted.

- CARRIED

SECTION 6:  POLICY MATTERS

ITEM 6.1  DRAFT HERITAGE INCENTIVES POLICY

(83) CLR. EISLER:/CLR. MADIRAZZA

RESOLVED that

1. The draft Heritage Incentives Policy be endorsed by Council and placed on public exhibition.

2. The Heritage Reference Group be briefed on the draft policy and outcomes of the public exhibition.

3. The outcomes of the public exhibition period be reported back to Council including any recommendations of the Heritage Reference Group.

- CARRIED

SECTION 7:  GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

ITEM 7.1  2016/17 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

MS RIEKY JIAN (AUDIT OFFICE NSW, COUNCIL’S EXTERNAL AUDITOR) ADDRESSED COUNCIL.

CLR RAFFAN TEMPORARILY RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 6.49 PM.

(84) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. HUDA
RESOLVED that

2. Any submissions received and proposed actions relating to those submissions will be reported back to Council at the next Ordinary Meeting, if required.

- CARRIED

ITEM 7.2 QUARTERLY UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND

(85) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. ISHAC

RESOLVED that Council note the progress of the implementation of the Stronger Communities Fund.

- CARRIED

SECTION 8: SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

ITEM 8.1 HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE BIN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

(86) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. WAUD

RESOLVED that

1. The 120L household garbage bins in the Bankstown Service Area will be replaced with a 140L bin in the months of May to August 2018.

2. The bin replacement program will be tendered, via an open tender with the option for the provision of bins.

- CARRIED
ITEM 8.2  HURLSTONE PARK BOWLING CLUB / HURLSTONE MEMORIAL RESERVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(87) CLR. EISLER:/CLR. ZAKHIA

RESOLVED that Council endorse the development of a concept master plan for Hurlstone Memorial Reserve.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.3  DRAFT PARRY PARK MASTERPLAN FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

CLR RAFFIN RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 6.51 PM.

(88) CLR. WAUD:/CLR. DOWNEY

RESOLVED that

1. The draft Parry Park master plan be placed on public exhibition.

2. A further report on the findings of the consultation be presented to Council following the exhibition period.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.4  OUTDOOR DINING PILOT PROJECT

(89) CLR. MADIRAZZA:/CLR. DOWNEY

RESOLVED that

1. Council agrees that businesses operating in the Belmore Town Centre be added to the trial area of the outdoor dining pilot project.

2. In accordance with Section 610E of the Local Government Act, Council publicly exhibit the waiving of outdoor dining fees during the trial period for the Belmore Town Centre.

3. Subject to Item 3, and there being no submissions, Council proceed to implement the waiving of the fees following the public exhibition period.
4. Council delegate to the General Manager to consider, and where appropriate, partner with OSBC and Service NSW in the delivery of business improvement initiatives in the City of Canterbury Bankstown.

- CARRIED

SECTION 9: COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM 9.1 MINUTES OF THE CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2017

(90) CLR. WAUD:/CLR. ISHAC

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Traffic Committee meetings held on 28 November 2017 be adopted.

- CARRIED

SECTION 10: NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM 10.1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

(91) CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. DOWNEY

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.2 FREE WIFI IN THE CBD

(92) CLR. MADIRAZZA:/CLR. ZAKHIA

RESOLVED that

1. Staff provide a briefing to Council on the current implementation of free WiFi in the CBD. The briefing should include an assessment of the costs to install and operate, usage / take up rates, speed / level of service, coverage area, measurement of performance, marketing undertaken and any other factors to understand its effectiveness.
2. Subject to the outcomes of this review the briefing should also provide recommendations on either improvements or expansion to other centres in the City especially in high traffic areas such as Campsie CBD and Earlwood CBD.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.3**

**MOTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE HON. LINDA BURNEY**

(93) CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that the City of Canterbury Bankstown pays tribute to the former Member for Canterbury and current Member for Barton, the Honourable Linda Burney for her public address in the Federal Parliament on Tuesday 5 December 2017, honouring her late son Binni Kirkbright-Burney.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.4**

**ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

(94) CLR. EISLER:/CLR. RAFFAN

RESOLVED that the environmental concerns (tabled in background) be referred to Council’s Environmental Sustainability Committee for its consideration and that the matter be subsequently reported to Council.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 11: QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**REF: GREATER SYDNEY COMMISSION**

Clr Ishac enquired if the Greater Sydney Commission was an independent body or a State Government Authority.

The Director Planning advised that the Greater Sydney Commission was an independent body.
REF:  GREATER SYDNEY COMMISSION - REVISES DRAFT SOUTH DISTRICT PLAN

Clr Ishac requested that all Councillors note Section 68 on Page 96 of the Draft South District Plan which requires governments to provide “open green space”.

REF:  ILLEGAL DUMPING

Clr Kuskoff enquired as to the cost to council of cleaning up the illegal waste containing asbestos recently dumped in Patricia Street, Chester Hill.

REF:  BUILDING SITE - WEST TERRACE, BANKSTOWN

Clr Kuskoff requested an update on building works at the site opposite the Bankstown Senior Citizens Centre in West Terrace, Bankstown.

REF:  ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Clr Kuskoff enquired if the memberships of Council’s Advisory Committees and Planning Panels had been finalised.

The Mayor advised that memberships had not been finalised.

REF:  STREET CLEANING

Clr Harika requested information on the frequency of street cleaning in the Bass Hill area.

REF:  ILLEGAL DUMPING

Clr Tuntevski congratulated staff for their quick response to the recent illegal dumping in Patricia Street, Chester Hill and requested that the strongest possible enforcement action be taken against illegal dumpers.

REF:  AQUATIC CENTRE ENTRANCE FEES

Clr Tuntevski requested Council review the entrance fees for carers of persons with profound disabilities at Council’s aquatic centres.

REF:  ILLEGAL DUMPING - HENRY LAWSON DRIVE

Clr Waud requested information regarding the amount of illegal dumping that occurred on Henry Lawson Drive during 2017 and what measures had been put in place to deter future illegal dumping.
REF:  KELSO CREEK - REMOVAL OF RUBBISH

Clr Waud requested the time line for removal of rubbish from Kelso Creek.

REF:  "POCKET PARKS"

Clr Waud requested that he be provided with a planning definition of a “Pocket Park” and also be advised how many “Pocket Parks” are located within the Canterbury Bankstown LGA and whether Council has any proposed future plans for the pocket parks.

REF:  RESPIRE FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Clr Waud requested an update on action taken by Council to request the State Government to provide respite facilities and services for the Canterbury Bankstown community.

REF:  SOUTH EAST AND SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA PLANS

Clr Waud asked when Council planned to exhibit the South East and South West Local Area Plans.

REF:  BUS Routes - SIR JOSEPH BANKS STREET, BANKSTOWN

Clr El-Hayek asked Council to request Transport for NSW to review recent changes to bus routes adversely affecting residents of Sir Joseph Banks Street, Bankstown.

REF:  BOUNDARY CHANGES

Clr Saleh requested a briefing on reviewing Council’s ward boundaries.

REF:  REMOVAL OF BUS STOPS - CANTERBURY AREA

Clr Saleh requested Council write to the Minister for Transport opposing the recent removal of bus stops in the Canterbury area.

REF:  STREET CLEANING

Clr Madirazza requested information on the frequency of street cleaning in the Canterbury ward.
REF: GRANTS FOR THE ARTS

Clr Raffan requested information of grants available for “ARTS” in the Canterbury LGA and what assistance council is able to provide to “non mainstream” Arts organisations such as the Horizons Theatre group.

REF: ILLEGAL PARKING

Clr Raffan requested advice on what action Council can take against large trucks parking in residential streets around railway stations.

SECTION 12: CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

(95) CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. DOWNEY

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Public and the Press be excluded from the meeting to enable Council to determine Items 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.4, 12.5, 12.6 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

Item 12.1 T20-14 Sale of Council Land, 176 Cooper Road, Yagoona

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Item 12.2 T53-17 Panel of Minor Civil Works

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

Item 12.3 T55-17 Bankstown City Gardens - All Abilities Playground

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
Item 12.4 T07-18 Bankstown Meals on Wheels

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

Item 12.5 Property Matter - Proposed Ground Lease - 74 Rickard Road, Bankstown

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Item 12.6 "Lighting The Way Program" - Accelerated Replacement of Ausgrid Residential Road Street Lights

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

COUNCIL RESOLVED INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION AT 7.33 PM AND REVERTED BACK TO OPEN COUNCIL AT 7.39 PM.

ITEM 12.1 T20-14 SALE OF COUNCIL LAND, 176 COOPER ROAD, YAGOONA

CLR. KUSKOFF:/CLR. HARIKA

RESOLVED that
1. The information contained within this report be noted.
2. The General Manager carry out all steps necessary to bring effect to the proposed approach contained within this report.
3. A further report be brought to Council, as required.

- CARRIED
ITEM 12.2  
T53-17 PANEL OF MINOR CIVIL WORKS  
CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA  

RESOLVED that  

1. Council accepts the tenders received from the following five companies to make up the Minor Civil Works Panel of contractors, for an initial term of two years with the option to extend the contract for three, one year periods, subject to satisfactory performance of the contractors and approval under delegation of the General Manager:  
   • Mack Civil Pty Ltd  
   • KJ Civil & Paving Pty Ltd  
   • MSA Civil & Communications  
   • Awada Civil Engineering  
   • Stateline Asphalt Pty Ltd  

2. An eligibility list of the following three (3) contractors be established to replace any of the panel members that do not meet their requirements or provide the services as specified in this tender  
   • Rockpave Civil Pty Ltd  
   • Ezypave Pty Ltd  
   • Ally Property Services  

3. The General Manager be authorised to enter into a contract and sign all documentation in accordance with Council’s resolution, as required.  

4. Council notifies the unsuccessful tenderers in writing and thank them for tendering.  

- CARRIED

ITEM 12.3  
T55-17 BANKSTOWN CITY GARDENS - ALL ABILITIES PLAYGROUND  
CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. ZAKHIA  

RESOLVED that  

1. Council accepts the tender received from Landscape Solutions Pty Ltd for an amount of $1,321,423.52 (excluding GST) for T55-17 Bankstown City Gardens all-abilities playground.  

2. The General Manager be authorised to enter into a contract and sign all documentation in accordance with Council’s resolution, as required.
3. Council notifies the unsuccessful tenderers in writing and thank them for tendering.

- CARRIED

ITEM 12.4 T07-18 BANKSTOWN MEALS ON WHEELS
CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. MADIRAZZA

RESOLVED that
1. The Council approves the tender received from Master Catering Services Pty Ltd for a period of three years, with the option to extend the contract by two further periods each of up to one year in duration, subject to satisfactory performance of the contractor as determined by the General Manager, for the provision of Meals on Wheels food.

2. The General Manager be authorised to enter into a contract and sign all documentation in accordance with Council’s resolution, as required.

3. Council notifies the unsuccessful tenderers in writing and thank them for tendering.

- CARRIED

ITEM 12.5 PROPERTY MATTER - PROPOSED GROUND LEASE - 74 RICKARD ROAD, BANKSTOWN
CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that
1. Council agree to provide a ground lease to Western Sydney University, subject to satisfying the relevant due diligence process for the proposal, as outlined in the report.

2. The General Manager, in consultation with Council’s relevant advisor(s), be delegated to finalise the required due diligence process and negotiations regarding the matter.

3. The Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to prepare and sign all relevant documentation, and affix Council’s common seal, as required.

4. In conjunction with Western Sydney University, Council confirm/announce the proposed campus site.

5. Further report(s) be provided to Council, as required.

- CARRIED
ITEM 12.6  "LIGHTING THE WAY PROGRAM" - ACCELERATED REPLACEMENT OF AUSGRID RESIDENTIAL ROAD STREET LIGHTS

(101) CLR. MADIRAZZA:/CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that

1. Council agree to Ausgrid's proposal for the accelerated replacement of 5983 Ausgrid lights on residential roads, as outlined in the report.

2. Council's current and subsequent annual budgets accordingly reflect the appropriate funding required, including the temporary use of Council’s reserves to implement the project, as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.40 PM.

Minutes confirmed 27 FEBRUARY 2018

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Mayor
2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE
3 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR NON-PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST
4 MAYORAL MINUTES

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 4.1 Membership of Council Committees, Reference Groups and Other External Bodies

Council will recall resolving at its October 2017 Ordinary Meeting to establish a series of Council Advisory Committees and Reference Groups which will help to advise, shape and support the provision of Council’s vital services to our community and importantly assist in formulating Council’s Integrated Planning and Reporting requirements.

As outlined previously, Council’s Committees are largely based on the key themes that will form the basis to delivering Council’s Community Strategic Plan, a plan which will look to set both a framework and pathway to:

- Be strong, innovative, open and visionary leaders;
- Be your advocate – giving a voice to all residents regarding concerns and outcomes;
- Providing quality local services;
- Forming strong partnerships;
- Observing the principles of social justice; and
- Considering the long term and cumulative effects of our actions.

In accordance with Council’s resolution, an Expression of Interest (EOI) process has been carried out to seek nominations for interested Councillors and Community Representatives to participate in each of our Committees, Reference Groups and Other External Bodies.

A summary of the evaluation process conducted is attached, which outlines both the approach taken and recommended outcomes. I have accepted the recommendation of the Evaluation Panel and note that successful community representatives are currently being invited and once we have confirmed their acceptance I propose that the full membership lists be placed on Council’s website.

Councillor Representatives

Council’s Charter for each Committee indicates that Councillor representation consists of the Mayor and up to three (3) Councillors.

That said, having considered the broader expectations of each Committee, particularly the number of associated Reference Groups, I propose that the Charter for two of the Committees be expanded as follows:

- *Social Inclusion Advisory Committee* – be expanded from three (3) to five (5) Councillors; and
- *Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee* – be expanded from three (3) to four (4) Councillors.
The above changes will provide for better coverage and/or Councillor representation across associated Reference Groups.

I would like to thank all community members who expressed an interest in participating in the various groups and look forward to working with each of you.

Once all community representatives have been notified and appointments finalised, a complete listing of all members to each of our Advisory Committees, Reference Groups and Other External Bodies will be reflected on Council’s website.

I move that the information be noted and suggested changes made by the Panel be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS

A Advisory Committees and Reference Groups Evaluation Panel Report
ITEM 4.2 2018 Australian Sikh Games

The Australian Sikh Games are a major sporting and cultural event for the Australian Sikh community. The Games are held every year in capital cities and major regional areas around Australia. Athletes and spectators from across the country and overseas, including New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore, Canada and the U.K. come to participate in a wide array of traditional Indian and Australian sports and related events.

I am pleased to announce, the 2018 Australian Sikh Games will once again be staged here in the City of Canterbury Bankstown. The games will be held over the Easter long weekend (30 March – 1 April 2018) and will utilise a number of local sporting facilities including, the Crest Sporting Complex and its surrounding sporting fields, Deverall Park Tennis and Netball Centres and Bankstown Basketball Stadium. Staging the event in our City is recognition of the strong cultural ties we have with the Sikh community.

The Games are expected to draw crowds totaling up to 60,000 people over three days, where 2,400 athletes will compete in 16 different sports, including touch football, hockey, soccer, netball, cricket and the traditional sport of kabaddi. This will have an economic impact of $10m to $15m for the LGA.

The Australian Sikh Games are made possible through the help of community organisations from around Australia. These organisations are normally run by volunteers who want to actively contribute to their local Sikh community, while also coaching or competing in their chosen sport. The Australian National Sikh Sports and Cultural Council (ANSSACC) acts as an umbrella body of all partner organisations.

In order to celebrate and support this event coming to Canterbury-Bankstown, I am asking Council to waive the ‘Major Event Fee’ of $3,000 and to have Council officers provide in-kind support where appropriate to guide the organisers in staging this event. I would also propose that to celebrate this major sporting event coming to Canterbury-Bankstown, Council host a Civic Reception at the Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre at a cost of $5,000. These funds are to be made available from Council’s Community Grants and Sponsorship budget.
ITEM 4.3 Launch of The Big Fall

Retired Brigadier General Kahlil Wehbe has documented modern Lebanese history, in his book ‘The Big Fall’.

Containing four volumes, the book covers the period from Independence Day in 1943 through to 1976. It examines the impact that regional conflict had on the country and in particular the events that led to the civil war in 1975. These circumstances contributed to the waves of Lebanese migration to Australia during this time.

Australians of Lebanese heritage have brought notable contributions to our community in business, politics, education, sport and the arts. They have a strong commitment to their adopted homeland while also cherishing their cultural and ethnic heritage.

‘The Big Fall’ will be launched on 6 March 2018 at the Bryan Brown Theatre and Function Centre, an event that is expected to be well attended.

Australia’s Lebanese community has a significant and well established presence here in the City of Canterbury Bankstown. I envisage that this book will resonate deeply and provide an important resource for our community. Given this, I recommend that Council purchase sets of the four volume book for Council’s libraries at a total cost of $2250.
ITEM 4.4 Lighthouse Community Support Harmony Day

Lighthouse Community Support assists families across Sydney who may live in poverty stricken or socially isolated households. In doing so, they coordinate a number of programs and initiatives aimed at empowering adults and young people in crisis.

During the April school holidays, Lighthouse Community Support will be holding a Harmony Day event at Parry Park Lakemba. One of the main aims of the event is to promote social cohesion and inclusion in the Canterbury-Bankstown LGA. The day will be free of charge and include sporting clinics, workshops and a variety of entertainment for the community.

Event organisers have advised the event is being staged in partnership with Campsie Police, GWS Giants, Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, SES Canterbury, Australian National Sports Club and Bankstown PCYC. Council has also recently been approached to also be a partner. Given the valuable outcomes of the event, I propose Council support Lighthouse Community Support in this endeavour and that $3,341 be made available from Council’s Community Grants and Sponsorship budget, which also includes the cost of hiring the ground.
ITEM 4.5  Sydenham to Bankstown Community Working Group

I have made my position extremely clear on the lack of proper planning undertaken by the NSW Government, in its development of the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Strategy. Recently, Council resolved to reject that Draft Strategy, due to the significant number of unresolved issues, particularly concerning the lack of infrastructure planning; open space; urban design and funding. While we await both the revised strategy and the Governments response to our concerns, I think it’s time to gather all of our interest groups and consolidate our knowledge.

Building on the existing extensive range of engagement undertaken by Council, I am proposing Council introduces a new Sydenham to Bankstown Community Working Group. This group will consist of representatives from our community organisations which have interest in the future of our City along the corridor.

I call on community organisations, to nominate a representative to join with us on our Working Group. Nominations will be accepted up until 31 March 2018.

I propose, Council convene the Working Party to meet over the next 6 months, to assist Councillors with valuable input into its further representations and decision making on the NSW Government’s plans in relation to this corridor.
5 PLANNING MATTERS

The following items are submitted for consideration:

5.1 89-95 Karne Street North, Narwee - Planning Proposal

5.2 20-21 Boorea Avenue, Lakemba - Planning Proposal to Amend Canterbury LEP 2012 to allow use of Residential Care Facility on Light Industrial Land and Change Development Standards.
ITEM 5.1  89-95 Karne Street North, Narwee - Planning Proposal

AUTHOR  Planning

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
Council has received an applicant initiated planning proposal from Sim Plan Consulting Town Planners to amend Canterbury Local Environmental Plan 2012 to allow future shop top housing at the properties 89-91, 93, 93A and 95 Karne Street North in Narwee.

Council’s Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (IHAP) considered a detailed report on the proposal at its 9 October 2017 meeting where it supported the proposal being submitted to the Greater Sydney Commission, subject to conditions.

ISSUE
To consider the application to amend Canterbury Local Environmental Plan 2012 for the properties at 89-91, 93, 93A and 95 Karne Street North in Narwee to allow shop top housing on the site.

RECOMMENDATION  That -

1. Council prepare and submit a planning proposal to the Greater Sydney Commission to seek a Gateway Determination that will:
   a. Rezone the properties at 89-91, 93, 93A and 95 Karne Street North in Narwee from R3 Medium Density Residential zone to B1 Neighborhood Centre zone.
   b. Apply a maximum 10m height of buildings control.
   c. Apply an appropriate FSR on the site (to be determined prior to public exhibition)
   d. Amend the Lot Size Map by removing the properties from the map as it does not apply to B1 Neighbourhood Centre zone.

2. Subject to approval from the Greater Sydney Commission, Council exhibit the planning proposal, and the matter be reported to Council following the exhibition.

3. Council seek authority from the Greater Sydney Commission to exercise the delegation in relation to the plan making functions under Section 59 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

ATTACHMENTS  Click here for attachments

A. IHAP Meeting – 9 October 2017 – Report
B. IHAP Meeting – 9 October 2017 – Minutes
C. Don Fox Planning independent review of council assessment
D. Proponent Planning Proposal submission
POLICY IMPACT
This matter has no policy implications for Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
This matter has no financial implications.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
If Council resolves to support this planning proposal and to seek a Gateway certificate, should a positive Gateway Determination be received, community consultation will be undertaken to ascertain any views/comments from the community in accordance with any Gateway conditions prior to the matter being reported back to Council for a final decision.
DETAILED INFORMATION

Background

Council is in receipt of an application requesting the following amendment to the Canterbury Local Environmental Plan 2012:

1. Rezone the subject site from R3 Medium Density Residential zone to B1 Neighborhood Centre zone.
2. Amend the Maximum Height of Building Map from 8.5m to 10m.
3. Amend the Floor Space Ratio Map from 0.5:1 to no FSR.
4. Amend the Lot Size Map by removing the properties from the map as it does not apply to B1 Neighbourhood Centre zone.

A copy of the applicant’s planning proposal and supporting documents are available at Attachment D.

The Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (IHAP) considered the proposal at its meeting 9 October 2017 and supports Council staff’s recommendation that the proposal be submitted to the Greater Sydney Commission for a Gateway Determination, subject to:

1. Council determining an appropriate FSR for the site, prior to public exhibition.
2. The requirements of SEPP 55 to be addressed by the proponent, prior to public exhibition.
3. The requirements of overland flooding to be addressed by the proponent, prior to public exhibition.

In relation to item 1 an appropriate FSR will be determined for the site prior to public exhibition. The FSR on this site has yet to be determined and Council will engage an independent design firm to carry out an urban design analysis to determine an appropriate FSR.

In relation to items 2 and 3 the proponent has submitted additional information and has adequately addressed SEPP 55 and overland flooding. This information forms an addendum to the planning proposal (Attachment D).

An independent review of Council’s assessment of the planning proposal was undertaken by Don Fox Planning (DFP) as part of the site is owned by Mr Charles Fondacaro (Plant Operator – Public Works at Canterbury Bankstown Council). Mr Fondacaro has had no role in the assessment of the planning proposal and has signed a declaration which accompanied the planning proposal. No further contact or communication has occurred between Mr Fondacaro and the assessment team. The independent review by DFP supports Council’s assessment of the planning proposal. The review found there were no probity issues.
Description of the site and local context

Site Details

The site is situated within the eastern side of Karne Street North opposite Leigh Avenue at its intersection with Shorter Avenue (refer to maps over page). It has a total combined area of 701m². 89-91 Karne Street North is a corner lot with frontage to Karne Street North and a secondary frontage to Shorter Avenue. 93, 93A and 95 Karne Street North have a direct frontage to Karne Street North of 18.3m. The site comprises four allotments in two different ownerships. Existing land uses are detailed below.

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<td>89-91 Karne Street North</td>
<td>Lot 1 DP 815357</td>
<td>Single storey “Roselands” Chinese restaurant</td>
<td>342m²</td>
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<tr>
<td>93 Karne Street North</td>
<td>Lot 4 DP 29784</td>
<td>Single storey spa/beauty/hair salon (use is over three lots)</td>
<td>109m²</td>
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<td>93A Karne Street North</td>
<td>Lot 5 DP 29784</td>
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<td>95 Karne Street North</td>
<td>Lot 6 DP 29784</td>
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The sites are accessible to pedestrians and vehicles from Karne Street North and via Shorter Avenue. Rear service lane access is from Shorter Lane which intersects with Shorter Avenue. A public footpath to the north of the properties connects Karne Street North with Chick Street to the north-east. Off street car parking spaces are accessed via the laneway at the rear of the site and are provided in a 90 degree configuration to the rear of these premises.

Surrounding development comprises one and two storey dwellings. Bennet Park is located to the south west and provides recreational sporting facilities. Roselands shopping centre is located approximately 1.3km north of the subject site.

The site is serviced by a number of local bus networks within 400m walking distance. The site is situated approximately 1.3km (walking distance by foot/road) from Narwee Railway Station and the Narwee town centre.
Map 1: Location (subject site shown edged in red)

Map 2: Zoning Map (subject site shown edged in red)
Description of proposal

The following amendments to Canterbury Local Environmental Plan 2012 are proposed in relation to the site at 89-95 Karne St North, Narwee:

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<td>0.5:1</td>
<td>To be determined by Council</td>
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<td>Height</td>
<td>8.5m</td>
<td>10m</td>
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Concept plans provided by the proponent include a three level built form with shops at ground floor and residences above (see image 1). It should be noted that the site could potentially accommodate a three storey flat roof built form within the proposed 10m height limit, however, this is subject to detailed urban design analysis.

Concept plans for site

![Image 1: diagram showing concept street elevation along Karne Street (page 50)]

Justification

The planning proposal is applicant initiated and has been justified on planning merit and meets the Department of Planning’s site strategic merit test.

The proposal seeks to formalise an existing zoning/land use anomaly and to enable the redevelopment of the site. The proposed B1 zone is considered to better align with the existing use on the site (shops) and the proposed development is considered to be compatible to the surrounding residential neighbourhood, in terms of scale and intensity of non-residential use. The existing level of retail would not be able to be maintained in the current zone, should the site be redeveloped as the R3 Medium Density Residential Zone as this zoning does not allow shop top housing and only allows a maximum of 100m² of gross floor area for commercial purposes if a combined residential/commercial building was proposed.
Rezoning the site to R4 High Density Residential Zone is also subject to the same commercial floor space restrictions as the current zone, and would introduce a spot zoning into an otherwise medium density residential area. This could lead to further planning proposal requests based on the precedent it would establish in the area.

The B2 Local Centre Zone is the other possibility, however this zoning is usually applied to larger local centres that consolidate retail and other non-residential uses within a higher activity precinct. The B2 zone allows a much wider range of non-residential land uses than the B1 Neighbourhood Centre Zone, which would not be appropriate in the low-scale context of this part of Narwee and Roselands.

The proposed increase in maximum building height is considered compatible with the surrounding area. Amenity impacts would be ameliorated by the separation of the site from its immediate neighbours by a rear lane, subject to further urban design analysis.

A small-scale intensification of the site is justified in that the site acts as a neighbourhood centre, as:

- The site already functions as a strip of neighbourhood shops, albeit with low intensity uses (hairdresser/day spa and a Chinese restaurant/takeaway). It also features a bus stop and a post box. Redevelopment would potentially increase the range of tenancies that would better align with daily needs (e.g. Mixed Business, café, etc.).
- There are limited options for daily needs to be met elsewhere within a five-minute walking distance (400m radius), with the shop on the corner of Karne Street North and Martin Street, the only other option (currently occupied by a jeweller).
- The site has the benefit of proximity to Bennett Park (diagonally across Karne Street North) giving future residents a degree of amenity and ease of access to recreational facilities.

**Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (IHAP)**

The Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (IHAP) considered Council’s report on 9 October 2017.

Council’s report to the IHAP included the following recommendations:

> The application to amend Canterbury Local Environmental Plan 2012 for land at 89-91, 93, 93A and 95 Karne Street North, Narwee should proceed to Gateway subject to:

1. Council determining an appropriate FSR for the site, prior to public exhibition.
2. The requirements of SEPP 55 to be addressed by the proponent, prior to public exhibition.
3. The requirements of overland flooding to be addressed by the proponent, prior to public exhibition.
IHAP Recommendation

The Panel agreed with the Council Staff report subject to the recommendation being amended as follows: Add point 4 to read as follows:

“4. The height limit be restricted to 10 metres.”

The recommendation has been updated to include the above condition. The Council report to the Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel and the minutes regarding the matter are shown in Attachments A and B.

Independent review

Don Fox Planning (DFP) was engaged to undertake an independent review of Council’s assessment of the planning proposal for probity, as part of the site is owned by a Council employee. A copy of the review is shown in Attachment C. Key points of DFP’s review include:

- The assessment of the planning proposal is appropriate in terms of depth and analysis relative to size/complexity of the proposal.
- The proposed rezoning, as assessed by Council, generally addresses the requirements of a Planning Proposal pursuant to the Department’s Guide to Preparing a Planning Proposal;
- The inclusion of a FSR control is supported on the basis that it will be determined by an urban design analysis by a suitably qualified and experienced consultant to be appointed by Council.

NEXT STEPS

Should Council support the proposal, the next step is to submit a planning proposal to the Greater Sydney Commission to seek a Gateway Determination. The planning proposal will request the following amendments to Canterbury LEP 2012 for the site at 89-91, 93, 93A and 95 Karne Street North in Narwee:

- Rezoning the subject site from R3 Medium Density Residential zone to B1 Neighbourhood Centre zone.
- Amend the maximum height of building from 8.5m to 10m.
- Amend the Floor Space Ratio from 0.5 to an FSR to be determined by Council.
- Amend the Lot Size Map by removing the properties from the map as it does not apply to B1 Neighbourhood Centre zone.
ITEM 5.2 20-21 Boorea Avenue, Lakemba - Planning Proposal to Amend Canterbury LEP 2012 to allow use of Residential Care Facility on Light Industrial Land and Change Development Standards.

AUTHOR Planning

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
In June 2016, Council received a planning proposal from the Lebanese Muslim Association to allow the use of a Residential Care Facility on land at 20-21 Boorea Avenue, Lakemba and alter development standards on 21 Boorea Avenue by increasing Floor Space Ratio (FSR) from 1:1 to 2:1. The proposal, if implemented, would allow the lodgement of a development application for a four-storey Residential Care Facility, providing up to 112 beds, including 28 dementia-specific beds.

The matter was considered by the Canterbury-Bankstown IHAP on 3 December, 2017, which recommended that the planning proposal not be supported due to conflicts with Council and State Government policy.

ISSUE
In accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Council is requested to resolve whether a planning proposal for the site at 20-21 Boorea Avenue, Lakemba should proceed to Gateway.

RECOMMENDATION
That the planning proposal seeking to add “Residential Care Facility” as an additional permitted use for the subject land in the IN2 Light Industrial Zone under Canterbury Local Environmental Plan 2012 and to increase Floor Space Ratio controls applying to the subject site not be supported for the reasons outlined in the attached report.

ATTACHMENTS
A. IHAP Report 5 December 2017
B. Planning Proposal Report (applicant)
C. Concept Master Plan (applicant)
D. Proposed Mapping (applicant)
E. Proposed Timeframe (applicant)
F. s117 Directions (applicant)
G. Aged Care Demographic Study
H. Flood Impact Report (applicant)
I. Geotechnical Investigation (applicant)
J. Noise Impact Assessment (applicant)
K. Survey Plan (applicant)
L. Traffic & Parking Impact Assessment (applicant)
M. Waste Classification Report (applicant)
N. Workforce Supply Study (applicant)
O. Lakemba Care Facility Peer Review (SGS Economics & Planning)
POLICY IMPACT
The planning proposal is inconsistent with State Government policies including:

- Draft Greater Sydney Region Plan;
- The Revised Draft Sydney South District Plan; and
- SEPP (Housing for Seniors and People with a Disability) 2004.

The proposal is also inconsistent with the Council Strategy Towards 2032 – Canterbury Economic Development and Employment Strategy (2009).

FINANCIAL IMPACT
The recommendation has no financial impact on Council.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
The planning proposal seeks to facilitate a new Residential Care Facility. Although it is acknowledged residential care facilities are necessary to cater for an aging population, given the environmental constraints on the site, its physical context which includes industrial uses, and the planning policy framework, which does not support conversion of existing industrial/employment related uses; the proposal is not considered suitable for this location.

Economic, flooding, urban design, and other matters would need to be further considered and addressed should Council choose to proceed with the proposal. More specific details are outlined further in this report.

Opportunities remain across the city for a use of this nature on land already zoned to enable this type of development, consistent with relevant planning policies and instruments.

The proposal has potential to impact on flooding in Coxs Creek, as it would potentially alter the flood storage characteristics on the subject site, which may in turn further impact upstream and downstream properties. Detailed (site specific) modelling would be required to address this; should Council choose to proceed with the proposal.
Council is in receipt of an application requesting the following amendment to the Canterbury Local Environmental Plan 2012:

1. add “Residential Care Facility” as an additional permitted use for the land at 20-21 Boorea Avenue, Lakemba.
2. Amend the Floor Space Ratio Map to increase FSR controls from 1:1 to 2:1 on the subject land at 21 Boorea Avenue, Lakemba.

Site Details

The site is situated at the end of Boorea Avenue on the northern and eastern sides. It has a total combined area of 3136.4m². 20 Boorea Avenue is a regular dwelling lot with frontage to Boorea Avenue of 12.19m. 21 Boorea Avenue is a site with an irregular shape at the end of the Boorea Avenue cul-de-sac, with a frontage of approximately 6.3m. The site comprises two allotments in a single ownership. Existing land uses are detailed below.

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<td>Lot X in DP 377169</td>
<td>Stone masons yard</td>
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Map 1: Location
Description of Proposal

The following amendments to Canterbury Local Environmental Plan 2012 are proposed in relation to the site at 20-21 Boorea Avenue, Lakemba:

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The planning proposal would enable lodgement of a development application for a four-storey Residential Care Facility with a capacity of 112 beds, of which 28 are intended to be designated for dementia patients. The concept design also includes underground parking and servicing in a two-level basement. The proposed building will be entirely located on 21 Boorea Avenue, with 20 Boorea Avenue being used only for access to the proposed building basement. As such no changes to development standards are proposed for 20 Boorea Avenue.

Under State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing for Seniors and People with a Disability), Residential Care Facilities are included in the definition of Seniors Housing. Specifically, they are defined as:
In this Policy, a **residential care facility** is residential accommodation for seniors or people with a disability that includes:

- a) meals and cleaning services, and
- b) personal care or nursing care, or both, and
- c) appropriate staffing, furniture, furnishings and equipment for the provision of that accommodation and care, not being a dwelling, hostel, hospital or psychiatric facility.

They can also be subject to specific provisions of the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997 (with respect to the provision of Affordable Care places).

**Considerations**

Based on the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and the Department of Planning and Environment’s guidelines, the following key planning policies are relevant:

- Draft Greater Sydney Region Plan.
- Revised Draft South District Plan (2017)
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing for Seniors and People with a Disability) 2004

**Strategic Merit Test**

In August 2016, the Department of Planning and Environment introduced the Strategic Merit Test to determine whether a proposal demonstrates strategic and site specific merit to proceed to Gateway. A proposal that seeks to amend controls that are less than five years old will only be considered where it clearly meets the Strategic Merit Test. The Strategic Merit Test contains two components – assessment of Strategic Merit, and should the proposal pass this component, the second component of Site-Specific Merit, which considers the suitability of the site for the proposed use.

Council commissioned advice from SGS Economics and Planning to independently assess the consistency of the planning proposal against the Strategic Merit Test. A full assessment of the Strategic Merit Test is included in the Attached IHAP Report. In summary, SGS found:

- **Two supporting documents for the proposed development of a residential care facility at 20 – 21 Boorea Avenue, Lakemba, “Key Aged Care Demographic Analysis” “Workforce Supply Analysis” for Western Sydney.**
- **Broadly, given the data focus of these reports, SGS has no major concerns with the data provided as much of it is directly sourced from government data sources such as the 2011 census and aged care service lists. However, some methodological concerns are raised:**
- Inconsistency of catchment definitions used in the studies.
- Lack of justification for the very large catchment used for much of the analysis given planning policy goals for aging in place and allowing people to live close to their place of work.
- Lack of clarity around relevance of some report sections and no clear link between reports and the planning application.
- Lack of justification for high growth rates applied to forecasting the Muslim population.

- With respect to the bigger issue in question here – whether there is sufficient evidence to justify introducing a non-industrial use into an industrial precinct, SGS has identified gaps in the information provided in relation to the proposed use. Although the reports provide evidence of demand for a Muslim specific residential aged care facility, they do not provide:
  - Justification for the proposed use with regards to conflict with strategic policy objectives to protect industrial land.
  - An understanding of whether the Canterbury Bankstown LGA has sufficient industrial land supply to meet future demand and so demonstrate that the site under its current use could be surplus to requirements
  - Comparison between the wider social benefits of the proposed use over the existing industrial use on site.
  - Consideration of alternative sites and why this site is required.

- In conclusion SGS recommends that a clearer understanding of the impact that the introduction of a non-industrial use on this site be presented, by comparing the benefits of the proposed use over the current use.

- As the two reports by Premier Consulting currently stand, SGS finds that there is insufficient justification to warrant rezoning or change of use on site.

If this proposal was to proceed then a new economic analysis of the impact of the planning proposal on the loss of employment lands would need to be provided by the applicant, including responses to the matters detailed in the attached report by SGS Economics and Planning.

Strategic Merit

- The planning proposal needs to demonstrate consistency with the relevant State Government Plans (including publicly released draft versions). These relevant plans are:
  - the Draft Greater Sydney Region Plan; and
  - the Revised Draft South District Plan.

The relevant policies in the Revised Draft South District Plan are: Planning Priority S10- Protecting and managing industrial and urban services land, under Action 38- Manage industrial land in the South District by protecting all industrial zoned land from conversion to residential development, including conversion to mixed-use zones.
Both Plans contain provisions to protect all industrial land in the Eastern Harbour City (which includes Canterbury-Bankstown) from conversion to residential development. Enabling a Residential Care Facility on industrial zoned land, would be in contradiction to the strategic intent of both plans. The policy does not allow for flexibility in its operation.

SGS Conclusion - In accordance with the policy direction of the Draft Greater Sydney Region Plan, the loss of industrial land at this site would not be supported. Based on a review of the information provided, the proposed development for a residential aged care facility use does not meet the planning priority within the Revised Draft South District Plan.

The next component of the Strategic Merit Test requires consistency with local planning strategies endorsed by the Department of Planning and Environment.

- The Canterbury Economic Development and Employment Strategy prepared by Council identified that the industrial component of the subject land should be retained for industrial purposes consistent with the objectives of the zone.

The third component of the Strategic Merit Test is whether the proposal is responding to a change of circumstances not recognised by the current planning controls.

- Although the requirements for ageing in place is important and a growing demographic trend, Residential Care Facilities and other forms of retirement living are catered for in existing residential zones under Canterbury LEP 2012 and Bankstown LEP 2015 through the provisions of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing for Seniors and People with a Disability), which directs this type of use to more appropriate zones, and therefore locations.
- To justify rezoning of non-residential land for this purpose, it would be necessary to demonstrate that it would be difficult or unfeasible to provide a facility in an alternative location that could serve the same need within the existing policy framework. A facility of this kind could be delivered within the current planning framework on land currently zoned R4 High Density, that permits the use of Residential Care Facility without the need for rezoning.
- On this basis the supporting information with the planning proposal does not demonstrably establish that the need for rezoning land currently exists.

Site-Specific Merit

The site does not meet the attributes for a Residential Care Facility of this nature, due to the flood hazard of the adjoining Cox’s Creek and the nature of the adjoining industrial uses. The SEPP (Housing for Seniors and People with a Disability) 2004 contains a number of site-based requirements for Seniors Housing (which includes Residential Care Facilities). The SEPP identifies land as high flooding hazard as “Environmentally Sensitive Land” and the accompanying guide which indicates that development should be in accordance with the NSW Flood Manual. Based on the evidence presented to date, Councils flood engineers are not satisfied that the land is suitable for a Residential Care Facility.
The site is mostly within the IN2 light industrial zone, and forms part of a larger precinct of industrial land which is predominantly used for employment related purposes, including automotive services, building supplies, warehousing and manufacturing. The introduction of a high-density, sensitive land use will create a land use conflict where the amenity of the proposed residents would be impacted by the ordinary and permitted uses of adjoining sites. Map 3 below shows surrounding uses. Although a land use conflict currently exists, this is limited to a small amount of established homes. As a general planning principle, Council should seek to avoid exacerbating conflicting land uses. On this basis the proposal cannot be considered to have regard to the existing, approved and likely future use of land in the vicinity of the proposal.

Map 3: Surrounding Uses

Council referred this planning proposal to its Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (IHAP) for consideration. The matter was heard by at the IHAP at its meeting of 5 December 2017, with representatives of the LMA and their planning consultants speaking on behalf of the proposal. The IHAP assessment and decision are reproduced below:

**IHAP Assessment**

*The Panel considered carefully the submissions made by the applicant and the detailed reports put forward by the proponent.*

*In summary, the Panel agrees with the Council’s recommendation that the proposed zoning change (for additional permitted use) not be supported.*

*The Panel notes that the proponent owns a number of sites around the proposed rezoning site and the Panel appreciates that the consolidation of the number of uses on the site would be to the advantage of the community and synergise with the Mosque use on the adjoining land.*
The Panel was concerned about the intrusion of a residential use into the industrial zone with the potential to create land use conflicts that could potentially diminish the future viability of the adjoining industrial lands.

Against the proponent’s arguments is the strong strategic policies adopted by the Council and the State Government to preserve industrial zoned land especially in this District. This is further reinforced by the recent planning documents issued by the Greater Sydney Commission.

On balance the Panel is of the opinion that these broader strategic matters outweigh the specific locational and socially desirable benefits of the proposal to the proponent.

The Panel notes, as did the applicant, that it is open to the applicant to source other appropriately zoned sites to address the residential care needs of its community in the local area.

**IHAP Recommendation**

*The Panel adopts the recommendation in the Council Staff report that the planning proposal to add “Residential Care Facility” as an additional permitted use for the subject land in the IN2 Light Industrial Zone under Canterbury Local Environmental Plan 2012 and to increase Floor Space Ratio controls not be supported for the reasons outlined in the report.*

**Further information requirements**

Should Council wish to proceed with a planning proposal for this site, there are a number of matters that would need to be further addressed by the applicant. This information has not been requested to date, due to the views of Council Staff and the IHAP that the planning proposal not be supported. The following additional information would need to be required by a condition of any Gateway Determination and provided prior to exhibition:

- New economic analysis of the impact of the planning proposal on the loss of employment lands, including responses to the matters detailed in the attached report by SGS Economics and Planning. The material as submitted by the applicant has been assessed as insufficient to properly address the Greater Sydney Regional Plan and the Revised Draft Sydney South District Plan.

- Expanded flood modelling that assesses upstream and downstream impacts of making changes to the site, demonstrates site suitability and recommends mitigation strategies based on the requirements of the NSW Flood Manual. The material submitted by the applicant is insufficient to address these matters.

- A Phase 1 Site Contamination Assessment is required. A report was not submitted by the applicant (the Geotechnical Investigation included in the submission did not address contamination). The report will need to be sufficient to meet the requirements of SEPP 55, and Council must be satisfied that remediation can occur to make the site suitable for the proposed use.
• Setting an appropriate density and height control for the subject site. The proposed Floor Space Ratio of has not been tested to determine its appropriateness and whether this level of density and associated impacts reasonably accommodated within this locality. 21 Boorea Avenue currently has no maximum building height control and the introduction of such a control has not been proposed as part of this planning proposal. While the applicant is proposing a four-storey building the appropriateness of this height has not been assessed and the absence of a height control means that this height could be varied as part of a future development application. It will be necessary to have a density and height control to ensure that any future development is compatible with the surrounding nature of the area. This would be appropriately subject to an urban design assessment and made available prior to exhibition.

Conclusion

Council received a Planning Proposal that seeks to allow redevelopment of the sites into a residential care facility. This involves the rezoning of land to add a residential care facility as an additional permitted use to be accommodated on this site.

Council has undertaken a detailed assessment of the proposal and sought specialist economic advice regarding the need for the facility and how it aligns with the Revised Draft South District Plan. The results of this assessment indicate that the proposal is inconsistent with the Revised Draft South District Plan, and should not be supported on this basis. This view is consistent with that of the IHAP.

The assessment also considered whether there was an overriding need for a residential care facility in this particular location, and concluded that whilst there is a need for a Residential Care facility to meet the needs of people of Muslim faith and an aging population more generally, there were no specific, compelling reasons why this land was needed for this purpose, as there was sufficient land potentially available within more suitable zones, that could be developed for this purpose under SEPP (Housing For Seniors and People With A Disability) 2004, without the need for further rezoning.

Finally, the site was deemed unsuitable for a facility of this nature (a ‘vertical village’ as defined in the relevant SEPP), owing to its susceptibility to flooding, the interface with existing industrial areas adjoining the site and the scale and density sought being out of character with the surrounding area (being more than double that of adjoining uses).

Based on the matters raised above and the concurrent view of the IHAP, it is recommended that the planning proposal not be supported.
6 POLICY MATTERS

The following item is submitted for consideration -

6.1 Naming Policy

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ITEM 6.1 Naming Policy

AUTHOR Corporate

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
As part of the ongoing process of aligning policies of the former Bankstown and Canterbury Councils, a draft Naming Policy has been prepared for Council’s consideration in order to provide a consistent approach to this issue across the Local Government Area.

ISSUE
To consider an aligned Policy on the naming of parks, reserves, public spaces, roads, buildings and facilities for Canterbury-Bankstown Council.

RECOMMENDATION
That Council endorse the Naming Policy as outlined in this report.

ATTACHMENTS
A. Draft Naming Policy

Click here for attachment
POLICY IMPACT
The adoption of the Naming Policy will provide an aligned Policy position for Canterbury-Bankstown Council and ensures compliance with Council’s requirements under the Geographical Names Act 1966.

When adopted, the Naming Policy will supersede all previous related policies adopted by the former Bankstown and Canterbury Councils, specifically the former Bankstown Council “Naming of Parks, Reserves, Public Spaces, Roads, Buildings and Facilities; Placement of Memorials, Monuments, and Plaques; and Scattering of Cremated Ashes Policy” and the former Canterbury Council Policy on “Naming of - Public Places to Honour Deserving People”.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
There is no financial impact for council.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
The Naming Policy will ensure a consistent approach to the naming of parks, reserves, public spaces, roads, buildings and facilities across the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Government Area. The Policy provides the opportunity to commemorate people or groups who have made a significant contribution to the local community, promote the cultural diversity of the area and reflect on the character, landscape, natural amenity and history of the area.
DETAILED INFORMATION

The Draft Naming Policy provides a consistent approach for the naming of parks, reserves, public spaces, roads, buildings and facilities under the care and control of Canterbury-Bankstown Council. The Policy is consistent with the guidelines issued by the Geographical Names Board (GNB) and the relevant provisions of the Geographical Names Act 1966. Where appropriate, it also provides flexibility for Council in future decision making regarding naming proposals.

Road names, place names and addresses should be properly and unambiguously produced to allow for accurate and reliable site identification to support timely and efficient emergency service response and other service delivery. With infill development increasing the density of housing across the LGA, Council is likely to encounter a growing number of issues around accurate and consistent road naming and numbering. These issues include:

- Road name duplication- There are many examples where a road name is duplicated within a locality or within the radius defined in the NSW Addressing User Manual. In some cases the duplication can be the same or similar spelling, and sometimes it might be similar sounding names. In other cases there might be a different road type assigned to the same name on an adjoining road. For example, a Chiswick Lane coming off a Chiswick Road, with duplication of numbers and potential for confusion.

- Broken road segments- There are many situations where a road is broken into different sections as a result of traffic management changes, without consideration of naming, numbering and access for emergency services. In some instances a road can be broken by a park, river, trainline, embankment or non-vehicular access path. This can cause many problems for navigation and routing to addresses along these roads.

- Proposals for naming private roads in subdivisions- Private developers may propose names for community title/private roads within subdivision developments.

- Online mapping tools providing up to date information- While Land Information Services and Spatial Services data may be updated after gazetted name changes, online mapping tools such as google maps may not be updated.

- Urban infill- At urban infill sites generally there is a requirement to apply sub numbering or number suffixes to accommodate situations where there is a lack of whole numbering solutions available. In some circumstances, the property address/land parcel may be one location however all access to the property may be from a rear laneway or side street which can impact emergency service access.

Key Principles

While each naming proposal will be considered on its individual merits, the key principles that Council will take into consideration include the following:

i. Community impact of the proposal.

ii. Commemoration of a person or a group who made a significant contribution to the Canterbury-Bankstown community.

iii. Commemoration of an event or an occasion that is important in local, state or national history.
iv. Reflection of the character, landscape, natural amenity, flora, fauna, and/or function of the site or area.

v. The proposed name is an Aboriginal name of relevance to the area.

vi. The proposed name promotes the cultural diversity of Canterbury-Bankstown.

Council will not approve names that are complex (exceptions are made for Aboriginal names that initially appear complex but are later expected to become familiar and accepted by the community), unduly long, difficult to spell or pronounce, derogatory or offensive, incongruous, out of place, and of a commercial nature. The names of funding bodies will not be included in the official name of parks, reserves, public spaces, roads, buildings and facilities or parts thereof. Names will also not be accepted if they commemorate a living person (exceptions may be made by Council in special circumstances) or duplicate existing names within the Canterbury- Bankstown LGA or adjacent LGAs.

Council will require individuals or organisations naming private roads or roads that fall within community subdivisions to comply with the guidelines in this Policy and GNB endorsed publications.

The Draft Naming Policy has been provided to the GNB and the Chairman of the Local Government Addressing Working Group for comment. Council was commended for its approach to aligning to best practice and the Policy was acknowledged to be compliant with relevant legislation.

**Process**

While Council is the authority responsible for naming or renaming roads and places under its control, all naming applications must be submitted to the GNB for approval and registration of the name.

After a proposal has been received council will review the submission to assess the historical significance, locational fit of the proposal in regards to a person, flora/fauna, language, form and character of names, duplication of names or a group who made a significant contribution to the local community or the commemoration of an event or occasion that may have local, state or national historical significance.

The GNB process for naming/ renaming then requires Council to undertake community consultation to ensure community support for the proposal and for the proposal to be supported by a Council resolution. After a naming proposal has been approved by the GNB, all prescribed authorities must be notified and gazettal action undertaken by Council.

**Public Exhibition**

The Naming Policy will ensure Council is compliant with the requirements of the *Geographical Names Act 1966* and the relevant naming and addressing policies and guidelines from the Geographical Names Board. It is proposed that subject to consideration by Council, the Naming Policy be adopted for immediate effect. Each individual naming proposal to be assessed by Council in accordance with this Policy will be reported to Council and will be subject to community consultation.
7 GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 7.1 Quarterly Review of the 2017/18 Operational Plan to 31 December 2017 and Quarterly Budget Review

AUTHOR City Future

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
The quarterly review provides a summary of progress on the delivery of Council’s 2017/18 Operational Plan, covering the three months from 1 October to 31 December 2017.

Separately, the report also considers the review of Council’s financial results and proposed budget adjustments for the December 2017 Quarterly Budget Review period.

ISSUE
The Quarterly Review indicates satisfactory progress for the second quarter of the 2017/18 financial year. The information provided shows that 97% of the 123 line items in the Operational Plan are either complete or on target for completion and that 45% of the 430 projects of the capital works program are either complete or under construction at 31 December 2017.

In terms of the Budget, this review confirms that Council’s 2017/18 Budget continues to reflect a sound and stable financial position. The report is submitted to Council for information and to adopt required resources to fund Council’s operations.

RECOMMENDATION That -
2. Council adopt the December 2017 Quarterly Budget Review as outlined in this report.

ATTACHMENTS Click here for attachments
A. Budget 2017-2018 December Quarterly Review
B. Operational Plan 2017-2018 December Quarterly Review
POLICY IMPACT
The quarterly review is prepared in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Local Government Amendment (Planning and Reporting) Bill 2009, which requires regular progress reports to be provided to the Council and community.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
The report presents Council’s operating result as at 31 December 2017. Council’s financial position continues to reflect a sound and stable financial position.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
The report provides the community with an understanding of Council’s performance in delivering its yearly Operational Plan as well as an update on the financial position as at 31 December 2017.
PART A – Highlights of the 2017/18 Operational Plan – 1 October to 31 December 2017

Making the City more liveable

Council placed the draft master plan for Parry Park on exhibition to end of February 2018. The master plan proposes parklands, playground, picnic area, exercise equipment, a potential water play zone, additional walking and cycling paths, an events precinct, improvements to existing sporting fields, and additional community facilities.

Council took a strong stance toward the State Government regarding its Draft Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy, providing a submission regarding fundamental issues that the Draft does not address. The review included the need for appropriate sites for schools, improvements to current infrastructure, considering heritage in all proposed changes and ensuring dwelling growth occurs only once there is a delivery plan in place.

Council has also made substantive submissions to the Greater Sydney Commission regarding the Draft Greater Sydney Region Plan and Draft South District Plan. Council’s review identified key issues that should be addressed prior to finalising the Draft plans. The key issues include the need for well delivered metropolitan planning that aims for well-located housing, efficient transport and infrastructure and people-focused outcomes.

Looking after the environment

The Lake Gillawarna Water Quality and Natural Area Improvement Project has been completed in the northern lake, completing upgrade works across the site. Restoration works included the planting of 13,000 native plants, restoring 700 metres of formal lake edge and constructing 2,000 square metres of aquatic wetland. With Stage 2 complete, the northern section of Lake Gillawarna re-opened in time for summer.

Fostering prosperity and opportunity

Council has been recognised for its hands-on approach in providing extra support to young local men through its recently established MENtors program. Teaming up with local community organisations Mission Australia, Barnardos, Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, Oz Harvest, Metro Assist - Dress for Work and Bright Hospitality, Council hosted the eight-week program which was attended by 240 local young men. The program targeted an audience in need of help and taught participants a range of skills including how to lead a healthy lifestyle, mental health, how to prepare for interviews, the effects of drug and alcohol, and the promotion of local services.
Promoting safety and well-being

Council has called on the Australian Government to do more to alleviate the plight of thousands of Rohingya refugees. Council has written expressing the community’s concerns regarding the crisis of the thousands of refugees fleeing Myanmar, and has requested an urgent update on what diplomatic pressure has been applied to the Aung San Suu Kyi Government, to stop what is being termed ‘ethnic cleansing’. In support of the community’s concern, and acting as a harmonious and respectful community, Council has pledged $500 to the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR), which is helping families fleeing the violence.

Council’s campaign recognising the positive role men can play in preventing violence against women saw many events and promotions held across the city. Council hosted the annual White Ribbon Tug O’ War Cup for the third year, with local community organization, businesses, and emergency services all participating. Local bus company, Transdev, supported Council’s campaign in the prevention of violence against women by promoting the White Ribbon Campaign on their buses. The campaign gained wide exposure, and the annual Tug O’ War Cup was a success event. The campaign gained further exposure with Channel 7 television personality, Andrew O’Keefe, heading the White Ribbon Day march in the City of Canterbury Bankstown, and addressing the crowd at its conclusion.

Moving around safely and efficiently

Council has called on the NSW Government to reconsider its approach to the six new Priority Precincts within the City of Canterbury Bankstown. Council has described the plan as an undemocratic push to impose 25-storey residential buildings on local communities, further stripping councils of their ability to plan for their own area. As Canterbury Bankstown is on track to meet one of the highest five-year growth targets in the State, Council supports sustainable growth, prosperity and renewal but with meaningful involvement in the planning and decision-making process. The call to change the approach of the Priority Precincts project has been made to State Government and is awaiting review.

Promoting healthy, active living

Agreement was reached between Council and Western Sydney University to build a new, world-class university campus adjacent to the Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre. The building will transform the Bankstown CBD and accommodate up to 7,000 students.

Major upgrades have been scheduled at two sporting fields in Greenacre, as part of a $9.3 million program being carried out by Council. Of the 24 projects to be delivered in 2017-18 in local parks and reserves, Council officers have reconfigured projects to ensure both Greenacre sporting fields will be upgraded. The upgrades will see new irrigation and drainage systems installed and new turf laid. Such upgrades will allow the fields to dry faster following rain and ensure they will be back in use sooner. Other sporting field projects scheduled include upgrades at Bennett Park, Roselands, and the design and construction of a multi-purpose all-weather synthetic pitch at Jensen Park, Regents Park.
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Being a leading and innovative Council

In October, Council established six Advisory Committees consisting of Councillor and Community representatives, aligning with the themes in our Community Strategic Plan. The advisory groups of, ‘Social Inclusion’, ‘Health and Recreation’, ‘Liveable City’, ‘Integrated Transport’, ‘Prosperity and Innovation’ and ‘Environmental Sustainability’ will include community representatives who will provide Council with advice on priorities and services. Theses panels will also provide information for our integrated planning and reporting framework.

As per State Government requirement, Council established the Canterbury Bankstown Independent Hearing Assessment (IHAP) Panel, which will consider and determine development and planning applications. Council established the Local Planning Panel with representation of the community to promote community engagement in decision making and provide increased transparency in the planning process.

At the August 2017 Council meeting it endorsed the Mayor to participate in the 2017 Cities Leadership Institute. The exchange occurred from Sunday 29 October 2017 to Wednesday 8 November 2017 and visited Los Angeles, San Diego, Palo Alto and San José, California and Austin Texas visiting some of the world’s biggest tech companies and viewing initiatives that improve safety, inclusivity, and innovation in government service delivery.

The exchange provided an opportunity to further develop the tools and knowledge to lead the city in:

• Setting the vision and goals for a future smart city
• Planning and delivering smart city initiatives including both new tools and governance arrangements
• Realising the benefits of collaborations and public-private partnerships to drive economic development
• Effective community consultation and engagement in particular the expansion of digital engagement
• As a result of the Exchange the following priorities will be considered as part of the development of the 2018/19 Operational Plan and relevant Quarterly Reviews.
• The need to develop a Plan on how the Council will set a direction and priorities for Smart Cities
• To review resourcing across the organisation to be able to respond and implement Smart Initiatives
• To review the management and access to Council data and the appropriate introduction of technology to address the key challenges and problems facing the City.

Further outcomes and specific initiatives will be considered as part of the development of next years Operational Plan.

Progress of the Operational Plan and capital works program

The graph below indicates that 97% of the 123 Operational Plan items are either in planning stages, commenced or completed at 31 December 2017.
Four items are on hold. They are:

- Stormwater Audit Program which is awaiting recruitment of specialised staff;
- Issues Paper for Specialist Centres is pending briefing of Councillors and decision on way forward;
- Planning proposals to implement the LAP’s are pending briefing of Councillors and decision on way forward; and
- Electronic works orders, which have already been implemented across a number of operational areas, and await further system alignment to progress.
The graph below indicates that 45% of the capital program is either complete or under construction.

A total of 130 projects valuing $17.7M were completed during the quarter including 90 transport projects, 16 building projects and 8 sports fields, playgrounds and open space projects. Another 18 projects are either on hold or deferred. They are:

- Occasional Care Centre - Floor Covering - reviewing required works;
- Family Day Care Centre - Floor Covering - reviewing required works;
- Lakemba Senior Citizen Centre - Doorway Kitchen – Pending resource availability;
- Emerging Communities Resource Centre (ECRC) at Lakemba Library - Accessible Toilet & Shower – Pending resource availability;
- Revesby Commuter Car Park retail shop - awaiting rezoning;
- Bowser Renewal at Depot - further investigation required;
- RID Squad Capital - under review;
- Belmore Sports Ground Drain Improvement - revising concepts;
- Chapel Road Footpath Reconstruction - to be delivered next financial year;
- Padstow Parade Car Park - awaiting TNSW building management;
- Virginius Reserve - Dog off Leash Area - considering community engagement results;
- Graeme Thomas Oval Practice Wickets - reviewing budget;
- Waterworth Park - Masterplan Priority Works including Irrigation, Drainage and Surface Improvements – reviewing required works;
- Joynt Avenue - Refuge Island Construction - listed for February 2018 Traffic Committee;
- Amiens Avenue - Speed Hump Construction - listed for February 2018 Traffic Committee;
- Haldon Street at Railway Parade intersection - traffic signals installation - traffic signal not approved by RMS, works to be done under Metro Project; and
- Kelso Waste Management Facility - Leachate Contamination Dam - will not be done in 2017/18.
General overview of service levels

The statistics below give an overview of the performance and service levels during the reporting period:

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<td>Number of employees (permanent full-time equivalent FTE) at quarter</td>
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<td>Average assessment time – days</td>
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<td>Requests for information determined under GIPAA</td>
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<td>Library visitation</td>
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<td>Illegal dumping fines</td>
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<td>Domestic waste collected – tonnes – clean-up</td>
<td>2,236</td>
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<td>Waste diverted from landfill</td>
<td>36%</td>
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<td>Customer service calls</td>
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<td>Customer service counter enquiries</td>
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<td>New citizens</td>
<td>600</td>
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PART B – December 2017 Quarterly Budget Review

Executive Summary

Following a review of the second quarter’s financial performance, Council’s broader financial position continues to convey a sound and stable position and generally compares well to its budget estimates.

Having reflected all required adjustments, Council’s revised Operating Result is expected to be a surplus of $1.4M, a decrease of $4.0M to the result forecast as part of the September revision process. A summary of the major issues, which reflect the adjustment have been noted below.

Council’s capital works and acquisition program is now expected to be $96.9M, having decreased by $10.9M for this quarter. The adjustment largely relates to the deferral of budgeted expenditure where projects will not be completed or commenced within the 2017/18 financial year. Other adjustments include the review of plant and equipment purchases, additional grant funded projects and prioritising projects identified throughout the second quarter. These adjustments are a part of Council’s ongoing review which ensures that the capital works and acquisition program reflects the planned pattern of expenditure.

In reflecting the adjustments made as a part of this revision, Council’s level of cash and equivalents are expected to increase by approximately $13.4M (assuming no carryovers exist at 30 June 2018). Having completed the review, Council’s major ratios remain at acceptable industry levels.

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE – Second Quarter

Council’s actual income and expenditure for the quarter generally compares well with its planned forecast and broader budget expectations for the 2017/18 financial year.

Consideration for seasonal and/or specific expenditure patterns need to be taken into account in reviewing Council’s budget trends. In a broad sense however, Council’s actuals reflect around 51% of the revised income budget and 45% for the revised expenditure budget, which is considered reasonable at this stage of the financial year.

In summary, Council’s second quarter financial performance is as follows:
Councillors will note that Council’s net operating result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes is forecast to be a deficit of $25.1M. The variation from Council’s original budget position is mainly due the following operational budget movements:

- Annually, all councils receive a grant from the Federal Government, commonly referred to as the Financial Assistance Grant (FAG). Council’s payment equates to around $11.6M per annum. The payment is generally provided to Council in four (4) equal payments throughout the year, commencing in July each year.

As a way to assist councils cashflow needs, the Federal Government agreed to bring forward half of councils 2017/18 payment and pay it to councils in June 2017. From an accounting perspective, Council was required to record/reflect the payment in reporting its 2016/17 year-end result. Given this, the up-front payment amount was reduced as expected income for this financial year.

Whilst this presents a reporting issue for Council, particularly with regards to its Net Result, it does not suggest we have a cashflow issue.

- One major variation traditionally reflected in each September Quarterly Review is that of funds carried over for specific projects/programs commenced yet not completed throughout the previous year.

In total $8.8M of funds, which are separately funded from reserves established as part of the 2016-17 annual financial statements process, has been reflected as part of September 2017, quarterly review process.
Again, whilst this presents a reporting issue for Council, particularly with regards to its Net Result, it does not suggest we have a cashflow issue.

- Based on its 2016/17 year-end processes, Council’s level depreciation expense has been adjusted to more accurately reflect the estimated annual consumption/depletion of our assets value on an annual basis. Council’s depreciation expense has been increased by $6.6M as part of this quarterly review. Council’s total Depreciation Expense is now expected to be around $55M.

  Whilst Depreciation is not a cashflow issue, the amount is quite important from a financial planning perspective as it guides Council as to the minimum level of funding required to ensure that assets are maintained at the current standards.

Despite the reported Net Result, Council’s financial performance to-date, inclusive of proposed variations, is considered sound, with income and expenditure categories trending well when compared to Council’s revised budget.

Councillors will be provided a more detailed explanation of the above issues and more importantly determining Council’s long term financial plan, when considering its Integrated Planning and Reporting requirements in due course.

A summary of some of the more pertinent elements associated with this quarterly review have been outlined for Councillor’s information.

Revenue

Council’s total revenue for the 2017/18 financial year is $310.3M, $2.6M more than previously forecast.

A summary of the proposed adjustments to forecast from this review are as follows:

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<td>Grants &amp; Contributions - Net</td>
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<td>Other Adjustments</td>
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<td>Net Income Adjustments</td>
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Explanations of some of the major variations and/or elements noted in the table above are as follows:

- Rates and Annual Charges projections have increased to reflect expected income throughout the year.

- Council is expecting to receive a number of new specific purpose Grants, not known at the time of preparing the September revision. In total, income from Grants and Contributions is expected to increase by $0.8M.
• Council has also adjusted its interest income by a further $0.5M based on the actual interest income for the financial year to date. However, the majority of this increase will need to be restricted given that it is as a result of increased restricted sourced income from capital grants and contributions received (eg. Section 94).

A further detailed assessment of Council’s revenues will be conducted as part of the March Quarterly Budget Review.

**Operating Expenditure**

Council’s total operating expenditure for the 2017/18 financial year is $308.9M, a net increase of $6.6M to the revised budget as per the September quarterly budget review.

The following elements make up the major variations as part of this review:

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<tr>
<td>Depreciation</td>
<td>6,626</td>
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<td>Other Adjustments</td>
<td>22</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Net Operating Expenditure Adjustments</strong></td>
<td><strong>6,648</strong></td>
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Council’s overall operational expenditure is performing well compared to revised budget. In total 45% of Council’s budget has been expensed, which is as expected at this stage of the financial year.

As noted earlier, the only material expenditure change as part of this quarterly review is an adjustment for depreciation expense. All other operational expenditure categories are generally trending as expected at this stage of the year and will again be reassessed in more detail as part of the March 2018 Quarterly Review process.

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (CAPEX)**

Council’s CAPEX is now expected to be $96.9M, a net decrease of $10.9M to that previously projected and adopted.

The decrease is primarily made up of the deferral of budgeted expenditure where projects will not be completed or commenced within the 2017/18 financial year, a revised timetable for the implementation of the vehicle policy, new grants received during the quarter, and adjustments for projects that have been deferred.
A summary of the major capital adjustments reflected as part of this review are as follows:

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<th>Project Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Wagner Oval Field Renovations</td>
<td>Grants</td>
<td>350</td>
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<td>Allum Park Field Improvements</td>
<td>Other Reserves</td>
<td>330</td>
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<td>Grant - Library upgrades</td>
<td>Grants</td>
<td>222</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>McDonald Lane Roundabout</td>
<td>Section 94 / Reserves</td>
<td>204</td>
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<td>Earlwood Oval Field Lighting</td>
<td>Section 94</td>
<td>200</td>
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<td>The Mall &amp; Appian Way – Floodlights</td>
<td>Section 94</td>
<td>150</td>
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<tr>
<td>Plant &amp; Fleet Purchase</td>
<td>Other Reserves</td>
<td>(2,375)</td>
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<td>Deferred / Amended Projects</td>
<td>Various</td>
<td>(9,943)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Net Adjustments December</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>(10,862)</td>
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Council will continue to review the capital works budget throughout the year and focus on ensuring that project delivery dates, completion dates are continually assessed. Dedicated budgets can then be reviewed accordingly so as to accurately reflect planned expenditure for the financial year.

**LIQUIDITY, RATIOS AND RESTRICTIONS**

Having incorporated all proposed variations as part of this review, Council’s ratios for its major financial indicators are expected to be as follows:

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<th>Indicator</th>
<th>Industry Benchmark</th>
<th>Dec 2017</th>
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<tr>
<td>Operating Performance</td>
<td>&gt;0%</td>
<td>(8.85)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Debt Service Ratio</td>
<td>&lt;10.0%</td>
<td>0.34</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unrestricted Current</td>
<td>&gt;150%</td>
<td>2.54</td>
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<tr>
<td>Own Source Operating Revenue</td>
<td>&gt;60%</td>
<td>70</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash Expense Cover</td>
<td>&gt;3 mths</td>
<td>11.52</td>
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In finalising Council's December 2017 Review, a number of adjustments to specific external/internal restrictions have also been made to comply with certain statutory/policy and/or contractual requirements.

Having incorporate all the relevant adjustments, the following is a summary of the expected balance of major internal restrictions created as part of Council’s annual budget process:

- Employee Leave Entitlements $18.7M
- Asset Replacement Reserves $40.6M
- Land Investment Fund $22.4M
- Building/Holding Deposits $7.9M
- Section 94/94A $97.6M
- Stronger Community Fund $7.1M

In total, Council’s planned balance of internal and external restrictions as at 30 June 2018 is expected to be $109.1M and $120.4M respectively.
CONCLUSION

A further detailed assessment of Council’s 2017/18 Budget will be carried out as at the end of March 2018. A report will in turn be presented to Council at its May 2018 Ordinary Meeting.
ITEM 7.2  CBCity 2028: A 10-year Community Strategic Plan for Canterbury-Bankstown

AUTHOR  City Future

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
Section 402 of the Local Government Act requires all councils to prepare and exhibit a community strategic plan (CSP) that identifies the main priorities and aspirations for the City for at least the next decade.

ISSUE
Though the City has always changed, and always will be changing, it is currently facing the greatest urban renewal that it has ever experienced. With its central location and the highest LGA population in NSW, Canterbury-Bankstown has become an important and major player in the future development and prosperity of Sydney.

The draft Community Strategic Plan acknowledges this, and ensures that, within existing controls, we can play a lead role in determining how our City evolves over the next decade. We want to make sure that change is well managed and integrated, that there is a Vision to work toward and realistic ways to collaboratively achieve it.

The attached draft CBCity 2028 is structured in a simple format consisting of:

- A Vision for CBCity in 2028
- Seven Destinations (or key result areas)
- City Transformations (or ‘game changers’ to denote achievement)

The plan is supported by pathways and identifies key influencers operating in, or for, the City who can guide, facilitate or deliver the Plan.

The draft Community Strategic Plan is presented to Council for its endorsement for public exhibition to obtain further input from key stakeholders regarding direction and priorities proposed for the City.

RECOMMENDATION
That the draft Community Strategic Plan - CBCity 2028 - be exhibited from 28 February – 30 March 2018, and a further report submitted to Council at the conclusion of the exhibition period.

ATTACHMENTS  Click here for attachments
A. CBCity 2028 - draft Community Strategic Plan
POLICY IMPACT
As a pivotal document for the City and owned by the City, the Community Strategic Plan will underpin all we do at Council, ensuring that successive terms work towards agreed outcomes, setting funding priorities and shaping future policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
There is no financial impact.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
CBCity 2028 is a reflection of the community views obtained in a thorough engagement program. When implemented, the plan will have a positive impact on the community.
DETAILED INFORMATION

We need a plan for the City - It’s more than just a legal requirement

The Local Government Act (Sect 402) requires all councils to prepare and endorse a community strategic plan that identifies the main priorities and aspirations for the future of the local government area for at least the next decade. In simple terms, the plan must address:

- Where we are now;
- Where we want to be in 10 years;
- How we will we get there; and
- How will we know we are there.

And it must:

- Be based on social justice principles of equity, access, participation and rights;
- Address civic leadership, social, environmental and economic issues prepared;
- Have due regard to the State government’s State Plan and other relevant State and regional plans of the State government; and
- Be developed through engagement with the local community and other key stakeholders.

The draft CBCity 2028 is all these things. But legal considerations aside, it makes good sense to find out:

- What makes people want to live or work in Canterbury Bankstown
- What they think about the levels of service and facilities available here
- What they would like to see for the future of their City.

Knowing these things will help us plan for the future and have a better understanding of the services and facilities we need to provide and how they might be improved.

Preparation of the CBCity 2028

Extensive engagement occurred throughout 2016 and 2017 to inform the Community Strategic Plan. That engagement involved:

- 3,000 information flyers;
- Online forums;
- 1,620 community surveys via phone and online;
- Over 7,650 conversations at a variety of locations across the whole City;
- 2 visioning workshops with 114 attendees;
- 4 sessions with a Peoples Panel of residents;
- Attendance by nearly 200 representatives of key business, community, sport and recreation and government groups at stakeholder forums;
- Discussions with elected members; and
- Meetings through the Integrated Planning Advisory Group.

The results of this engagement contributed to the Vision, direction and priorities of the Plan.
CBCity 2028

The attached draft Community Strategic Plan provides a simple journey to 2028.

- A Vision for CBCity in 2028
- Seven Destinations (or key result areas)
- City Transformations (or ‘game changers’ to denote achievement)

At the heart of CBCity 2028 is the Vision:

“Canterbury-Bankstown is thriving, dynamic, real!”

This short phrase translates the thoughts and feelings conveyed throughout the engagement process. Essentially people are proud of their City and of who and what they are. They love its central location, its restaurants, diverse cultures, and parks.

They want any change between now and 2028 to be managed well, so that:

- Transport is improved;
- The ‘village feel’ is maintained;
- We take advantage of opportunities to prosper and grow; and
- We continue to celebrate our cultures.

The Vison is supported by 7 Destinations or key themes to measure outcomes:

1. Safe and Strong;
2. Clean and Green;
3. Prosperous and Innovative;
4. Moving and Integrated;
5. Healthy and Active;
6. Liveable and Distinctive; and
7. Leading and Engaged.

The Community Strategic Plan proposes a number of City transformations which will denote the CBCity of 2028 has achieved its goals. Options for these are listed below but may be further shaped by the community through the exhibition period. By 2028:

- A range of modern aquatic and community facilities are constructed to meet the future needs of our community
- A large-scale community demonstration solar farm is constructed at Salt Pan Creek
- A network of smart infrastructure is constructed across the City (smart poles, city sensors, Internet of Things devices and Wi-Fi)
- Bankstown Station is redeveloped as an underground metro station and connects to Liverpool
- A new north-south public transport connection between Parramatta and Hurstville is constructed
- New pedestrian paths are constructed improving accessibility to all town centres
- Canterbury and Bankstown Hospitals are expanded to become state-of-the-art facilities
• A multi-lateral agreement is in place between government, Council and service providers to target obesity
• New rules are introduced that deliver major improvements to the design and sustainability outcomes in all new developments across the City
• A collaboration is formed where local and state services are delivered through shared facilities.

The plan is further supported by pathways (strategies) and identifies those organisations or key-stakeholders operating in, or for, the City who can influence, facilitate or deliver the Plan.

It is important to note that the Community Strategic Plan, while prepared and endorsed by Council, is not a Council Plan. It is a plan for the City itself, to be implemented by all organisations, key-stakeholders, residents and businesses alike. Though Council plays a major role, there are many other players involved in delivering the outcomes required in this Plan. It falls upon Council to:

• Report on the progress of the plan;
• Ensure that it is integrated;
• Ensure that those who implement the plan understand their role and responsibilities in delivering results.

What’s Next?

The draft Community Strategic Plan (attached with this report) must be exhibited for a minimum of 28 days in order to obtain further input from key stakeholders regarding direction and priorities proposed for the City. The plan will therefore be exhibited from 28 February to 30 March (30 days), following which a further report will be submitted to Council.
ITEM 7.3 Property Matter - Vodafone's Access Deed, Middleton Park, Yagoona

AUTHOR Corporate

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

In 2002, Council resolved to enter into an Access Deed (Deed) for a telecommunications facility at Middleton Park, Yagoona. The agreement entered into at the time was for five years with three five-year options with Hutchinson 3G Australia Pty Limited.

Throughout the term, the Deed had been assigned to various entities however never varied to reflect the new entities.

That said, the purpose of the report is to:

- Reflect a change of name to the Deed from Hutchinson 3G Australia Pty Limited (Hutchinson) to Vodafone Network Pty Ltd (Vodafone), being the current facility owner; and

- Formally note that Vodafone has exercised the remaining option under the Deed, being for the period from 2017 till 2022.

ISSUE

Council, in conjunction with its lawyers, has been working with relevant entities to address the administrative issues associated with the Deed.

The Deed provides:

- for the facility to be assigned to other entities, a decision which generally cannot be unreasonably withheld; and

- that the facility owner has the right to exercise the remaining five-year option provided for under the Deed.

For the purposes of clarity/completeness, Council’s lawyers have recommended that a new Deed be entered into as if the option has been validly exercised but include provisions to accurately document the change in ownership.

It is recommended that Council agree to the changes as suggested above.
**RECOMMENDATION**  That -

1. The information be noted.

2. Council agree to enter into the new Access Deed with Vodafone Network Pty Ltd for a period of five years, based on similar terms and conditions to that of the previous Deed.

3. The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign all relevant documentation, including affixing the common seal of Council, as required.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil
POLICY IMPACT
No policy impact.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
The previous commercial terms will continue to apply to this new Deed.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
This recommendation will see the continuation of the facility for a period of five years, as agreed to by the former Council.
ITEM 7.4 Councillor Disclosure of Interest Returns

AUTHOR Corporate

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
Council elections took place on 9 September 2017 and subsequently the polls were declared on 16 September 2017. In accordance with Section 449(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 a councillor must complete and lodge with the General Manager, within three months after becoming a councillor a Disclosure of Interest Return as prescribed by the Local Government Regulations.

Further, in accordance with Section 450A of the Local Government Act 1993 the return lodged with the General Manager must be tabled at the first meeting of council after the last day for lodgment.

All Councillors lodged their Returns in accordance with statutory requirements.

ISSUE
Disclosure of Interest Returns are tabled for Council’s notation.

RECOMMENDATION
That the tabling of Councillor’s Disclosure of Interest Returns be noted.

ATTACHMENTS
Nil
POLICY IMPACT
The report has no policy impacts.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
The report has no financial impacts.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
The report has no community impacts.
ITEM 7.5 Code of Meeting Practice - Amendment to 2018 Schedule of Meetings

AUTHOR Corporate

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
To amend the adopted 2018 Schedule of Council Meetings.

ISSUE
The Local Government NSW Conference is scheduled to be held in Albury from the 21 October to 23 October 2018 and it is anticipated that a number of councillors will attend. It is therefore proposed that the 23 October 2018 Ordinary Meeting of Council be rescheduled to 16 October 2018.

RECOMMENDATION
That the 2018 Schedule of Council Meetings be amended and the Ordinary Meeting for 23 October 2018 be rescheduled to 16 October 2018.

ATTACHMENTS
Nil
POLICY IMPACT
The report has no policy impacts.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
The report has no financial impacts.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
The report has no community impacts.
ITEM 7.6  Matters Determined Under Delegated Authority - 13 December 2017 to 26 February 2018

AUTHOR  Corporate

ISSUE
To provide Council with a summary of any matters determined under Delegated Authority by His Worship the Mayor and the General Manager whilst Council was in recess i.e. the period 13 December 2017 to 26 February 2018.

SUMMARY OF MATTERS DETERMINED
There were no matters determined under delegated authority by His Worship the Mayor and the General Manager on behalf of Council during the recess period.

RECOMMENDATION
That the report be noted.

ATTACHMENTS
Nil
POLICY IMPACT
The report has no policy impacts.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
The report has no financial impacts.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
The report has no community impacts.
ITEM 7.7  Cash and Investment Report from 30 November 2017 to 31 January 2018

AUTHOR  Corporate

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
In accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, the Responsible Accounting Officer must provide the council with a written report each month, which sets out the details of all money that council has invested under section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Council’s investments are managed in accordance with Council’s investment policy. The report below provides a consolidated summary of Council’s total cash investments.

ISSUE
This report details Council's cash and investments from 30 November 2017 to 31 January 2018.

RECOMMENDATION  That -

1. The Cash and Investment Report from 30 November 2017 to 31 January 2018 be received and noted.

2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS  Click here for attachments
A. CPG Research & Advisory November 2017 monthly investment report
B. CPG Research & Advisory December 2017 monthly investment report
C. CPG Research & Advisory January 2018 monthly investment report
POLICY IMPACT
Council’s investments are maintained in accordance with legislative requirements and its Cash and Investment Policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
Interest earned for this period has been reflected in Council’s financial operating result for this financial year. Council’s annual budget will be reviewed, having regard to Council’s actual returns, as required.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
There is no impact on the community, the environment and the reputation of Canterbury Bankstown.
DETAILED INFORMATION

Cash and Investment Summary – as at 30 November 2017

In total, Council’s Cash and Investments holdings as at 30 November 2017 is as follows:

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<th>Cash and Investments</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cash at Bank</td>
<td>7,293,041</td>
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<tr>
<td>Deposits at Call</td>
<td>47,047,009</td>
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<td>Term Deposits</td>
<td>232,123,000</td>
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<td>Floating Rate Notes</td>
<td>27,223,980</td>
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<td>Total Cash and Investments</td>
<td>313,687,030</td>
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Council’s level of cash and investments varies from month to month, particularly given the timing of Council’s rates and collection cycle, its operations and carrying out its capital works program. The following graph outlines Council’s closing cash and investment balances from July to November 2017.

A summary of Council’s investment interest income earned for the period to 30 November 2017 is as follows:

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<th>Interest Income</th>
<th>November 2017</th>
<th>Year-to-date November 2017</th>
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<tr>
<td>Budget</td>
<td>598,750</td>
<td>2,993,750</td>
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<tr>
<td>Actual Interest</td>
<td>704,935</td>
<td>3,491,574</td>
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<tr>
<td>Variance</td>
<td>106,185</td>
<td>497,824</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Variance (%)</td>
<td>17.73%</td>
<td>16.63%</td>
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Council is also required to ensure that its portfolio has an appropriate level of diversification and maturity profile. This is to ensure that funds are available when required and where possible to minimise any re-investment risk.

The tables below outline Council’s portfolio by maturity limits and investment type:

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<td>15</td>
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<td>Term Deposits</td>
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<td>Actual Interest</td>
<td>773,963</td>
<td>4,265,537</td>
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<tr>
<td>Variance</td>
<td>175,213</td>
<td>673,037</td>
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<td>Variance (%)</td>
<td>29.26%</td>
<td>18.73%</td>
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<td>Term Deposits</td>
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<td>765,636</td>
<td>5,031,173</td>
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<td>Variance</td>
<td>166,886</td>
<td>839,923</td>
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<td>Variance (%)</td>
<td>27.87%</td>
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<td>Working Capital Funds (0-3 months)</td>
<td>25%</td>
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<td>Short Term (3-12 months)</td>
<td>18%</td>
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8 SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

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ITEM 8.1 Outdoor Dining Pilot - Proposed Fee Waiving

AUTHOR City Future

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
At the Ordinary Meeting of 12 December 2017, Council endorsed the expansion of the Outdoor Dining pilot trial into Belmore Town Centre pending the public exhibition of the proposed waiving of fees.

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council of submissions received during the public exhibition period for the waiving of outdoor dining fees.

ISSUE
Council is partnering with the Office of NSW Small Business Commissioner (OSBC) with the development of a statewide policy on outdoor dining. The aim is to streamline the outdoor dining application processes and user guide, whilst implementing a local trial to test and validate the project’s findings. The pilot trial will run until the 30 June 2018.

The City of Canterbury-Bankstown is one of six councils in NSW participating with this initiative.

At the Ordinary Meeting of 28 August 2017, Council endorsed the hosting of the pilot trial in the Belfield Town Centre.

At the Ordinary Meeting of 12 December 2017, Council endorsed the public exhibition of the proposed waiving of fees for Outdoor Dining during the pilot project’s trial period for businesses in the Belmore Town Centre.

In accordance with Section 610E of the Local Government Act, the waiving of outdoor dining fees during the pilot’s trial was placed on public exhibition from 15 December 2017 to 8 January 2018.

Two submissions were received over the exhibition period both offering their support for the initiative.

RECOMMENDATION
That Council approve the waiving of outdoor dining fees for businesses in Belmore Town Centre during the pilot trial period.

ATTACHMENTS
Nil
POLICY IMPACT
The outcome of this pilot project will assist to inform a future Outdoor Dining policy for Canterbury Bankstown.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
The loss of revenue for outdoor dining applications received from the pilot project areas (being Belfield and Belmore town centres) will be minimal.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
The café, restaurant and food services industry sectors play a key role in the local lifestyle and are industry sectors that have been projected to grow employment in the future.

The hosting of this pilot project with OCBC in Canterbury Bankstown provides a unique opportunity to introduce local small business operators in the “food” sectors to the benefits of outdoor dining at little extra cost and with only minimal administration whilst, facilitating increased passive surveillance in the pilot areas, creating places people want to visit and generating increased economic activity.
ITEM 8.2 Canterbury Bankstown Harmony Day

AUTHOR Community Services

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
To consider a request for funding from the Canterbury Bankstown Harmony Group for their annual Harmony Event and a recommendation to include funding for this event on Council list of ongoing subsidies.

ISSUE
Council has received a request for financial assistance from the Canterbury Bankstown Harmony Group to stage their annual Community Harmony Day Event 2018.

Formerly known as the Canterbury Harmony Group the organisation has been staging Harmony Day Events in Canterbury since 2007. The earlier celebrations were held at Riverwood Community Centre and Punchbowl Ex-Serviceman’s Club and more recently at the Orion Centre in Campsie. This event brings together local schools, social housing tenants, representatives of culturally diverse groups and cultural performing groups to celebrate multiculturalism and its contribution to our way of life. The event is designed to help build cross-cultural community harmony and is well attended by a wide cross section of the community.

Canterbury Council had been a sponsor of this event since 2014 by providing financial support of up to $10,000. The current application is for funding for this year’s event in March 2018 and as such is outside of the timeframes of Council’s Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program which opens up for applications in June 2018. In recognition of this, the former Canterbury Council’s history of financial support, the events popularity and relevance to the Canterbury Bankstown Community it is proposed that Council allocate $10,000 to the Canterbury Bankstown Harmony Group to assist them to stage the 2018 event. Further that this allocation be included on the list of ongoing annual subsidies under Councils Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program. (Annual subsidy programs are subject to annual review by Council.)

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council provide $10,000 to the Canterbury Bankstown Harmony Group to assist with the staging of the Canterbury Bankstown Harmony Day 2018.

2. The Canterbury Bankstown Group’s annual Harmony Day celebrations be added to Councils Community Grants and Event Sponsorship ongoing annual subsidy list.

ATTACHMENTS
Nil
POLICY IMPACT
The recommendations of this report will comply with Council's Grants and Donations Policy and allow it to be incorporated into the Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program in future years.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
Funds for this financial support are available within the adopted budget for 2017/18.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
This event will be a community celebration.
9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following item is submitted for consideration -

9.1 Minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Traffic Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2018
ITEM 9.1  Minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Traffic Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2018

AUTHOR  Operations

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
Attached are the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Traffic Committee meeting held on 13 February 2018.

The Committees have been constituted to advise and make recommendations in relation to traffic activities. They have, however, no delegated authority and cannot bind Council.

The recommendations of the Committees are in line with the objectives of the Committees and with established practices and procedures.

ISSUE
Recommendations of the Canterbury Bankstown Traffic Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION
That the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Traffic Committee meeting held on 13 February 2018 be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS  Click here for attachment
A.  Minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Traffic Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2018
POLICY IMPACT
This matter has no policy implications to Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
Potential costs arising out of recommendations of the Traffic Committee are detailed in future Works Programs for Roadworks/Traffic Facilities.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
The recommendations will improve road safety for the community whilst minimizing the adverse impacts on residential amenity. Community consultations have been carried out where required.
10 NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

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ITEM 10.1 Questions with Notice

AUTHOR Corporate

ISSUE

The attached schedule provides information to questions raised at Council’s previous meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

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A. Questions with Notice Table
ITEM 10.2 Review of Bankstown Council Bush Fire Risk Management Plan

I, Councillor Steve Tuntevski hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That to ensure that the residents of Canterbury-Bankstown, their properties and the environment are adequately protected, I call for the new Bush Fire Management Committee to review its Bush Fire Risk Management Plan, and to specifically consider the regular removal of the accumulation of branches, twigs, leaves, vegetation and the like off the streets of bush-fire prone areas during bush-fire seasons in order to reduce the fire load risk.”

BACKGROUND

Under the Rural Fires Act 1997 the Bush Fire Coordinating Committee (BFCC) must constitute a Bush Fire Management Committee (BFMC) for each area in the State which is subject to the risk of bush fires. Each BFMC is required to prepare and submit to the BFCC a draft Bush Fire Risk Management Plan (BFRMP). This plan identifies community assets at risk and sets out a five-year program of coordinated multi-agency treatments to reduce the risk of bush fire to the assets.

On 14 November 2012, prior to council amalgamations, the Bankstown Hurstville Bush Fire Management Committee endorsed its Bush Fire Risk Management Plan and it was subsequently approved by the Bush Fire Coordinating Committee on 3 June 2013. As a consequence of forced Council amalgamations, the new Bush Fire Management Committee (BFCC) has been formed to realign with new council boundaries. In late 2017 the Rural Fire Service determined that Canterbury Bankstown would combine with Georges River Council to form the Canterbury Bankstown / Georges River Bushfire Management Committee. The committee convened for the first time on the 21 November 2017. One of its first tasks will be to review the current plans and establish a new BFRMP for our area.

Once the new BTMC becomes constituted, the BFMC has 12 months to develop a Draft BFRMP. The Bankstown Hurstville Bushfire Management Plan will remain in force until the new plan is developed. As the former Canterbury and Kogarah councils have no current identified risks the plan still has 6 months to run before is expiration on 3rd June 2018.
The typical climate in the Bankstown / Hurstville BFMC area varies significantly and the bush fire season generally runs from October to March. Prevailing weather conditions associated with the bush fire season in the Bankstown / Hurstville BFMC area are North-westerly winds accompanied by high daytime temperatures and low relative humidity. Dry grass, parched native shrubs and dead leaves and twigs are fire’s basic fuel. During the extended absence of rain and in very hot, windy weather, even heavy fuels like large logs and green leaves and smaller branches of large trees can become dry and flammable, contributing to an increase of fire danger. Most residents living in bush-fire prone areas are aware of practical measures to minimise the inherit bush-fire risk to their own property, however I have been approached by concerned residents about the regular accumulation of branches, twigs and leaves accumulating on local streets in high-risk bushfire locations and have been asked that local streets be swept at a regular basis during bush-fire seasons to reduce the fire load risk.

The Bankstown Hurstville Bush Fire Management Committees’ Bush Fire Risk Management Plan has undertaken a risk assessment of 99 “assets”, and has identified that the major threat to property occurs in the Revesby Ward suburbs of Revesby Heights, Padstow Heights and to a lesser extent the leafy suburb of Picnic Point, and a review of the risk benefits of the regular removal of the accumulation of branches, twigs, leaves, vegetation and the like off the streets of bush-fire prone areas during bush-fire seasons to reduce the fire load risk is warranted.
ITEM 10.3 NSW Companion Card Scheme

I, Councillor Steve Tuntevski hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

1. That as a new City of Canterbury-Bankstown, we recommit our affiliation to this important scheme for all public facilities;

2. That appropriate signage be placed in prominent positions (i.e. entry points) at Council’s Aquatic centres and Recreational centres and Council operated community facilities, Council held events and the like advertising that Council is an affiliate of the scheme;

3. That our affiliation to the scheme be supported with staff training and that Council publicise its affiliation of this scheme to raise awareness within our community.”

BACKGROUND

I refer to my previous question with notice on 12 December 2017 requesting that Council review the entry fees for carers of people living with a significant and profound disability at Council’s Aquatic Centres.

I understand that Council already recognises the Companion Card as part of the NSW Companion Card Scheme at its aquatic facilities, however many residents or staff are not aware of this. I believe that this scheme will benefit the most needy within our community with appropriate and ongoing awareness training for our staff, and promotion of the scheme by council in its publications, media and at Council facilities. This would greatly assist those living with a severe and profound disability and their carers to understand and access the support that is available to them and thereby increase their attendance at our facilities.

The NSW Companion Card Scheme was first introduced under the Labor State Government in 2009 to remove the financial barrier for people living with a disability who require lifelong attendant care support to participate at events, activities and venues.

The NSW Companion Card can only be issued to a person who meets the criteria of the scheme and has been assessed by a medical professional deemed to have a life-long significant and permanent disability who needs a carer with them at all times to enable participation in community based activities and venues.
This scheme allows the carer of a person living with a life long significant and profound disability free entry to venues, events and transport providers that have signed up to the program. The Companion Card scheme was developed in recognition that many people with a significant disability cannot access the community without a carer, and under Federal and State legislation, everyone has the same right to play a part in community life.

This scheme has since been expanded nationally under the Rudd Labor Federal Government’s integrated whole-of-government response to support greater social inclusion for people with a disability and their carers.

It’s well known that people living with a severe and profound disability are more often than not socially isolated and tend to be low income earners who financially struggle throughout life to make ends meet.

I’m confident that by Council formally promoting and expanding this scheme that more people with living with disabilities (of which there are 23,000 in our area) will feel able to utilise Council operated facilities and participate in more cultural and social events.

I therefore seek that Council endorse this Notice of Motion.
ITEM 10.4 Journey to Freedom Video - "Show Me the Way"

I, Councillor Linda Eisler, hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:

“That Canterbury-Bankstown Council purchase copies of the Journey to Freedom video for both Bankstown and Campsie libraries at a total cost of $580.”

BACKGROUND

The video tells stories of refugee students, some from Canterbury-Bankstown. Its focus is educational and will be inspirational to our youth. The profits go to supporting disadvantaged youth to continue their education. Included is information about the organisation, Show Me the Way (SMTW), and the video Journey to Freedom:

SMTW operations, aims, and who benefits
SMTW, a public benevolent institution, was established in 2005. The focus of the organisation is to provide opportunities for disadvantaged youth to continue their education throughout high school and go on to tertiary studies at university and TAFE. SMTW believes that storytelling and narrative techniques are a strong way of building confidence and enabling youth to be proud of their culture and celebrate cultural difference. SMTW provides film workshops where high school students produce short form documentaries that focus on role models from similar cultural backgrounds. SMTW is funded via donation from participating schools and other external sponsors.

SMTW – Belmore Boys High School 2017
Show Me The Way – Belmore Boys High School 2017 was run for secondary school students from a refugee background to enhance their skills, capabilities and competencies across key curriculum areas as well as building their confidence and strengthen key inter-personal relationships with their peers, teachers and professionals across the wider community. The process created a harmonious social capital growth for all. The students developed visual storytelling skills with film workshops where they interviewed their Principal, Ms Hala Ramadan.

Short summary of SMTW – Journey to Freedom 2
SMTW engaged and empowered students from refugee backgrounds to produce nine short-form documentary films having aspirational education foci. The students came from Canterbury-Bankstown, Fairfield and Blacktown LGAs. The films will be available on a compilation DVD, Journey to Freedom 2. To provide a broad audience reach the DVD menu choice has either no subtitles, Arabic subtitles, or English subtitles. Journey to Freedom 2 was launched at the State Library of NSW on 16 February 2018 and held in the National Library and all state libraries’ collections. It will be available for sale to public and school libraries. The cost to organisations is $290 and to schools $150. Organisations can also donate to public schools at the school price.
ITEM 10.5 NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services

I, Councillor Linda Eisler hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Canterbury-Bankstown Council:

1. Acknowledges that there are more than forty million visits to NSW National Parks each year with an overwhelming 94 per cent of visitors being satisfied or very satisfied with their experience.

2. Notes that Canterbury-Bankstown is home to the Wolli Creek Regional Park and Georges River National Park.

3. Notes that a significant number of Canterbury-Bankstown residents visit NSW National Parks.

4. Notes with concern the budget and staff cuts, and restructures currently taking place within the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and the risk this places to the economy, visitor safety, public amenity and the environment.

5. Calls on the NSW Government to treat NPWS staff with the respect they deserve and to stop the undermining of national parks.

6. Writes to the NSW Premier, The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, the NSW Minister for the Environment, The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP, the Shadow Minister for the Environment, Penny Sharpe MLC and the Greens NSW Environment Spokesperson, Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC expressing the concerns raised in this resolution and;

7. Distribute this resolution to relevant community and environment groups and the Public Services Union.”

BACKGROUND

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) was established in 1967 and now consists of over seven million hectares managed and protected for conservation across 870 parks.
There is currently a restructure of the NPWS underway that could affect hundreds of staff across NSW. Through this restructure many staff are being made redundant, or being made to re-apply for their jobs with lower pay. The number of NPWS areas is also being reduced from 50 to 37. The Public Service Association has indicated this will mean the loss of hundreds of years of experience in fire management.

The Government claims it is increasing jobs in NPWS, but in reality these jobs will be at a lower pay level, with lower or minimal skill requirements, and created at the cost of demotions, redundancies, resignations and attrition of more highly skilled and experienced staff.

The ultimate result for the community will be fewer rangers leading to less maintenance of visitor facilities, tracks being closed and invasive species not being managed effectively.
ITEM 10.6 Honey Bees

I, Councillor Linda Eisler hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Council:

1. Note the vital role that native bees play in our ecosystem and food chain.

2. Undertake an investigation to identify the common species of bees native to the LGA

3. Incorporate the importance of native bees and possible actions into Council’s consolidated Biodiversity Strategy when it is updated

4. Promote the importance of bees and what actions people can take to our community.”

BACKGROUND

Bees are an integral part of our eco-system. They pollinate a third of everything we eat and about 84% of the crops grown for human consumption need bees and other insects to pollinate them to increase their yields and quality. If the numbers of bees decline, this impacts our food supply.

Honey bees were introduced to Australia over 200 years ago to produce honey. Today, 35 industries are dependent on honeybee pollination for most of their production, such as almonds, apples, pears and cherries. The economic value of bees’ pollination work has been estimated to be several hundred billion dollars annually, worldwide. So, from a purely economic point of view, it pays to protect bees.

Australia also has over 1,500 species of native bees, and they are also an important pollinator of Australian flora, vital for our biodiversity.

There is an opportunity to better develop an understanding of both native and introduced bees in Canterbury Bankstown and the contribution they make to our local biodiversity.

As currently Council does not recognise the important role that bees play in our local eco-system there is also an opportunity to identify future actions and improvements we can undertake when Council reviews its existing biodiversity strategic Plan.
ITEM 10.7 Enclosed Swimming Area

I, Councillor Alex Kuskoff hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Council investigate the feasibility of installing a netted swimming area where people can swim safely without fear of shark attack or being hit by a boat. Consideration will need to be made for water quality, location, accessibility and parking. I believe it would be a great attraction for the City and would increase the range of activities available to Local Residents as well as visitors to the River.”

BACKGROUND

The picturesque Georges River is a key asset of Canterbury Bankstown Council and forms the South West boundary from Georges Hall to Padstow Heights. The reserves and parks along the river are popular locations for picnics, boating, sightseeing, bushwalking, jet-skiing, fishing and water skiing.

It would appear to be an ideal location for swimming, but due to the presence of sharks it is discouraged.

There are numerous documented shark attacks in the river and the plaque at the Georges River Boat Ramp reminds us that the threat of shark attack is real as well as the recent media reports of large bull sharks being caught in the River.

Details of documented shark attacks in the Georges River can be found at the following Website https://dictionaryofsydney.org/entry/living_with_sharks_on_the_georges_river

Historically there were netted swimming areas along the Georges River, including one at Lambeth Reserve. Several local residents have questioned why we no longer have a safe dedicated swimming area along the Georges River in Bankstown.

At Oatley Park located within Georges River Council there is a dedicated swimming area as well as several in Botany Bay and Sydney Harbour.
11 QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING
12 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

12.1 Setting Planning Priorities for Campsie Centre

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General Manager's Statement

Confidentiality

Councillors and staff are reminded of their obligations in respect to the need for confidentiality and not disclose or otherwise misuse the information which is about to be discussed, failure to do so could result in a reference to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal and/or result in a prosecution in accordance with Sec. 664 of the Act for which the maximum penalty is $5,500.
CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 provides that Council may, by resolution, close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of matters as listed in that section, or for any matter that arises during the course of business during the meeting that should be treated as confidential in accordance with Section 10(2) of the Act.

Council’s Agenda for this meeting contains reports that meet the criteria specified in Section 10A(2) of the Act. To consider these reports in confidential session, Council can adopt the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION

That, in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Public and the Press be excluded from the meeting to enable Council to determine Items 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.4, 12.5 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

Item 12.1 Setting Planning Priorities for Campsie Centre

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Item 12.2 Canterbury Golf Course - Diversion of Adjacent Motorway

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Item 12.3 T18-18 Tip Face Tarp System

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

Item 12.4 T34-18 Garbage Bin Replacement

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

Item 12.5 SSROC T2017-06 Supply and Delivery of Hardware and Associated Products

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