

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC SUPPLEMENTARY

AGENDA -A

An Ordinary Meeting of City of Parramatta Council will be held in the Cloister Function Rooms, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta on Monday, 22 February 2021 at 6.30pm.

Note: Members of the public will not be able to attend the meeting in person but will be able to view the live stream video on Council's website.

Brett Newman
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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***After the conclusion of the Council Meeting, and if time permits, Councillors
will be provided an opportunity to ask questions of staff***

NOTICE OF MOTION

ITEM NUMBER 18.2
SUBJECT NOTICE OF MOTION: Child Care Centres
REFERENCE F2020/03849 - D07884937
FROM Councillor Dwyer

MOTION

- (a) **That** Council staff arrange for a workshop to be held within March 2021 to discuss the ever increasing number of development applications being lodged with Council for development of Child Care Centres within the City of Parramatta Local Government Area.
- (b) **That** the workshop cover what levels of advocacy Council can potentially instigate with the Federal Government and other parties to discuss ways of better balancing the true child care needs of our community against the actual demand for these services within our LGA.
- (c) **Further that**, Council invite the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Child Care Alliance in NSW to provide a presentation to this proposed workshop to better explain the current situation with child care services throughout Sydney metropolitan area which should include data / information relating to the actual demand for these services against the number of current service providers in this industry and provide thoughts on whether or not this industry is currently overserviced in our LGA.

BACKGROUND

1. No background information was provided.

Bob Dwyer
Lord Mayor

**ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY SERVICES RESPONSE
(INCORPORATING ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CITY PLANNING &
DESIGN AND GROUP MANAGER, CITY STRATEGY COMMENTS)**Planning context

2. The NSW Government has introduced reforms to the way applications for child care centres and early learning centres are assessed through State Environmental Planning Policy (Educational Establishments and Child Care Facilities) 2017 (SEPP) and The Child Care Planning Guideline. These reforms include making centre-based child care permissible in all low density residential (R2) zones and the establishment of state-wide assessment controls through the Guideline. The SEPP and the Guideline override any Council planning provisions and include non-discretionary development standards that are intended to fast track and streamline approvals for child care services. The effect of this policy framework limits the ability of a local council to use its planning powers to influence the location and nature of new child care centre development.

Initial analysis of development applications received

3. An initial analysis of the last 3 years (2017-2020) of child care development applications identifies the following:
 - a. 63 child care development applications submitted to Council
 - b. 57 for new child care centres
 - c. 6 for modifications to extend number of child care places.
4. Of the 63 development applications lodged:
 - a. 26 (41%) were approved
 - b. 27 (43%) were refused
 - c. 10 (16%) are under assessment.

Analysis of future need for long day care in the Parramatta LGA

5. Council adopted its Community Infrastructure Strategy (CIS) in July 2020. The Early Childhood Education and Care Network chapter of the CIS contains analysis on current supply and future need. Currently, City of Parramatta has approximately 5,500 long day care places (LDC) places within 116 LDC centres and 21 preschools.
6. In 20 years' time at 2041, resident population is estimated to be 488,000, including approximately 35,000 children aged 0-4yrs. The worker population in City of Parramatta is expected to be 210,000. Using population benchmarking analysis, at 2041 it is estimated City of Parramatta will need approximately 16,800 LDC places to meet the childcare need, which is an additional 11,300 LDC places from current supply.
7. The CIS plans for infrastructure based on a catchment approach. Five of the City's six catchments are estimated to need additional LDC places to match population growth. Catchments which require the greatest number of additional LDC places to keep up with demand are [*italics indicate suburbs of particular need*]:
 - a. Catchment 4 (+3,260) - *Parramatta, Granville, Camellia, North Parramatta, Oatlands, Harris Park, Mays Hill, Rosehill and Clyde.*
 - b. Catchment 6 (+1760) - *Silverwater, Newington, Wentworth Point, Sydney Olympic Park and Lidcombe*
 - c. Catchment 5 (+1350) - *Melrose Park, Rydalmere and Ermington.*
8. The above areas correlate with those areas known to be high growth areas and are identified as such in Council's Local Housing Strategy.
9. In Catchment 3, there is a potential for there to be a surplus of supply in the suburbs of Beecroft, Eastwood and parts of Carlingford. However, the suburb of Epping will need significantly more LDC places (+330).
10. At a suburb level, by the year 2041 there could be an oversupply in seven suburbs of the City of Parramatta, albeit subject to there being no major new and unforeseen land use changes and the population grows as expected, demographics remain as expected and LDC centres currently existing remain. These suburbs include Beecroft, Eastwood, Old Toongabbie, Rosehill, Toongabbie, Wentworthville-Pendle Hill and Winston Hills.

Opportunities for advocacy

11. The current planning context of the NSW Government's State Environmental Planning Policy (Educational Establishments and Child Care Facilities) 2017 (SEPP) and The Child Care Planning Guideline could be better served by being more targeted or directed to areas of identified need. Such a system data-driven identification of need and oversupply was once provided by the Commonwealth Government.
12. The NSW Government has articulated that its policy focus is on the pre-school years of early childhood education and points to the Commonwealth Government having responsibility for the first three years of early childhood development. Advocacy around greater clarity of responsibility and coordination or increased collaboration at a Government level could benefit the whole sector.
13. When considering how parents and carers experience the system of child care and early childhood education, there is opportunity to advocate around reducing the impact of long waiting lists in areas of high demand, particularly for those seeking places for 0-3 year olds. Improvements to the system of quality assessment that is focused on dimensions of best-practice in early childhood development and easily understood by consumers is another area with potential for advocacy.
14. Local Government NSW is active in the area of advocating for improvements in the child care sector, so the input or collaboration with Local Government NSW could benefit Council's prioritised advocacy objectives.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

15. The preparation of a written response to this Notice of Motion has involved a cross-unit response from Council Officers including summarising existing strategies and planning documents and conducting initial analysis of recent development applications. This work totaled eleven hours of staff resources.
16. The workshop proposed would require up to a further 28 hours of additional research, consultation and coordination. This effort can be delivered by existing staff resources across the units of Land Use Planning, City Strategy, and Social and Community Services. However, the effort will require Officers to be redirected from existing workplans for assessments, strategy development and service delivery.

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Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

NOTICE OF MOTION

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| ITEM NUMBER | 18.3 |
| SUBJECT | NOTICE OF MOTION: Traffic in Epping Ward |
| REFERENCE | F2020/03849 - D07891381 |
| FROM | Councillor Tyrrell |

MOTION

- (a) **That** the Lord Mayor write to the Member for Epping and Minister for Transport to seek a meeting to discuss the Traffic issues in Epping Ward and in Epping Town Centre, in particular to address:
- i. Epping Town Centre through traffic
 - ii. Epping Bridge
 - iii. Pedestrian Crossing in Rawson Street and potential Pedestrian Traffic Signals
 - iv. Traffic Signals at Carlingford Road and Hepburn Avenue Carlingford
 - v. Traffic Signals at Pennant Hills Road and Evans Road Carlingford
 - vi. Traffic Signals at Pennant Hills Road and Moseley Street Carlingford
 - vii. Explore other traffic management solutions to alleviate the desire of through road users to traverse through Epping Town Centre, (Epping Road/Beecroft Road/ Carlingford Road).

The purpose of this meeting is to request TfNSW to work with Council staff to expedite traffic solutions, finalisation of designs and seek State Government funding to expedite construction of these solutions.

- (b) **Further, that** Council staff work collaboratively with TfNSW to expedite the above traffic solutions.

BACKGROUND

1. No background information has been provided.

Bill Tyrrell
Councillor

ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CITY PLANNING & DESIGN RESPONSE

2. The following response is provided by Council staff in relation to the following matters referred to in the Motion:

Epping Bridge

3. This is a Transport for NSW project. On 8 February 2021 a Transport for NSW (TfNSW) representative provide a project update as follows:

“Transport for NSW’s work to widen the Epping Station Bridge is continuing. We’re in the planning and investigation stage of this project.

We are taking steps to make sure our work aligns with the plans for the T9 railway line. An appropriate time to brief the Council will be before an REF is displayed for this project, which we anticipate will be later in 2021.”

Pedestrian Crossing in Rawson Street and potential Pedestrian Traffic Signals

4. Parramatta Traffic Engineering Advisory Group (TEAG) at its meeting held September 2018 and Council in October 2018 considered a report regarding this matter and resolved:
 1. *That Council note that installation of mid-block traffic signals or trial pedestrian controllers at the existing pedestrian crossing in Rawson Street, Epping is not approved by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS).*
 2. *That Council work with RMS to determine the best way to manage safety and efficiency for all road users that meets the prevailing land use and characteristics of Rawson Street, and is inclusive of connections to the surrounding road network.*
 3. *That Council organise a meeting with the Roads and Maritime Services, the local Member of Parliament and Ward Councillors to consider the best way to manage traffic and pedestrian flows in Rawson Street, Epping (between Bridge Street and Carlingford Road).*
5. The meeting referred in item 3 was held in Rawson Street, Epping on Thursday 6 December 2018 at 5:30pm. The meeting was attended by the Member of Parliament for Epping, a representative for TfNSW and Council staff. At the meeting, TfNSW suggested that Council considers other options as detailed below to improve traffic and pedestrian conditions in Rawson Street, Epping:
 - Greater understanding of the origins-destinations of pedestrians and vehicles;
 - Rationalisation of all pedestrian facilities;
 - Consideration of other pedestrian facilities eg a wide / long centrally located refuge to accommodate high pedestrian volumes and multiple demand locations;
 - Grade separated pedestrian facilities as part of land use development;
 - Rationalisation of driveways and accesses particularly the Coles carpark;
 - Changes to on-street and off-street parking in the area;
 - Improvements / changes in vehicle capacity such as provision of 2 through lanes and provision of traffic signals at Bridge Street to regulate flow, etc; and
 - Other local area access provisions / alternative routes / restrictions etc.
6. It is to be noted that this location does not meet the numerical warrants set by TfNSW for the installation of a signalised mid-block pedestrian crossing on Rawson Street, Epping. The TfNSW warrants for the installation of a mid-block signalised pedestrian crossing include the need for a minimum of 600 vehicles in each direction with a minimum of 250 pedestrians/hour crossing the road for each of four one hour periods of an average day, which are not met at this location. The vehicle volumes were a little more than half those required.
7. TfNSW also advised that *traffic signals will change the priority to vehicles and will likely promote illegal pedestrian crossing behaviour (non-compliance with the signals), and likely result in pedestrians crossing at numerous other uncontrolled locations along Rawson, which may result in reduced road safety.*
8. It is also to be noted that a 'Replace existing pedestrian crossing with pedestrian signals' Rawson Street, Epping' is an item in the Draft City of Parramatta (Outside CBD) Development Contributions Plan 2020.

Traffic Signals at Carlingford Road and Hepburn Avenue Carlingford

9. Council staff are currently undertaking planning and design, and seeking TfNSW approvals for the installation of traffic signals at this location.
10. Following design and approval from TfNSW, Council staff will seek funding through the Business Case and Project Review Committee to use the Developers Contribution fund for Epping to undertake the works.
11. It is noted that 'New traffic signals, Carlingford Road/Hepburn Avenue, Carlingford' is an item in the Draft City of Parramatta (Outside CBD) Development Contributions Plan 2020.

Traffic Signals at Pennant Hills Road and Evans Road Carlingford

12. It is Council staff understanding that these works will be delivered by TfNSW. Council has not received any recent update in relation to the timeframe for delivery of these works.

Traffic Signals at Pennant Hills Road and Moseley Street Carlingford

13. A proposal for traffic signals at the intersection of Pennant Hills Road and Mosely Street has been developed by Council staff. TfNSW requires that this proposal includes an additional southbound traffic lane on Pennant Hills Road between Mosely Street and Carlingford Road.
14. Provision of an additional southbound traffic lane would require road widening, land acquisition and service relocations and therefore add significant costs to the project.
15. It is Council staff understanding that these works will be delivered by TfNSW. Council has not received any recent update in relation to timeframe of delivery of these works.
16. It is noted that 'New traffic signals Pennant Hills Road / Moseley Street, Carlingford' is an item in the Draft City of Parramatta (Outside CBD) Development Contributions Plan 2020.

Explore other traffic management solutions to alleviate the desire of through road users to traverse through Epping Town Centre, (Epping Road/Beecroft Road/ Carlingford Road)

17. In 2017, TfNSW (RMS) upgraded this intersection. The works included:
 - The number of right turn lanes from Beecroft Road into Carlingford Road was increased from 1 to 2; and
 - Signalised pedestrian crossing was installed in Carlingford Road (east leg).
18. Council staff have identified the following additional works which would also improve intersection Epping Road/Beecroft Road/ Carlingford Road movements:
 - Intersection upgrades, Ray Road/ Carlingford Road intersection upgrades including removal of traffic lights and restriction of vehicular movements to left in / left out from both Ray Road and Rawson Street (identified in the Draft City of Parramatta (Outside CBD) Development Contributions Plan 2020); and

- New link road between Rawson Street and Carlingford Road and installation of traffic signals at Cliff Road and new link Road (per Figure 4.1.5.3 in Parramatta Development Control Plan 2011). These upgrades are recommended for further discussion TfNSW and would also involve coordination with the land owners of 53 Rawson Street.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

19. Preparation of the letter required by the motion can be carried out using existing staff resources. If staff are required to attend the meeting being sought this is likely to require approximately one hour of staff time.
20. The collaborative working with TfNSW required to expedite the traffic solutions identified is, subject to the consideration of issues arising, likely to be capable of being carried out from existing staff resources.

David Birds

Acting Executive Director, City Planning & Design

Paul Perrett

Chief Financial Officer

Brett Newman

Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM NUMBER 19.1
SUBJECT QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE: Declarations of Interest at Council Meetings
REFERENCE F2020/03849 - D07891472
FROM Councillor Dwyer

QUESTION

In the event of any Councillor happening to be employed in the offices of a State or Federal Member of Parliament, should the respective Councillor declare this interest at the beginning of a Council meeting and indicate if they will be staying or leaving the Chamber during discussions on matters which clearly fall within the responsibility of the State or Federal Government?

BACKGROUND

1. No background information was provided.

Bob Dwyer
Lord Mayor

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CORPORATE SERVICES RESPONSE

2. In accordance with Parts 4 5 of Council's Code of Conduct, Councillors are required to disclose known pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests as soon as practicable. It is usual practice for Councillors to disclose interests at a Council Meeting during the agenda item titled "Declarations of Interest". Councillors are requested to complete and submit a Declaration of Interest Form at the meeting, and take the necessary steps as they relate to the type of interest being declared (ie, pecuniary, non-pecuniary but significant or non-pecuniary and less than significant).
3. Paragraph 4.32 of Council's Code of Conduct allows for Councillors to give a general notice to the Chief Executive Officer in writing of a particular Councillor membership or employment of a specified company or body. This notice is sufficient disclosure of the Councillor's interest in any matter that relates to the company, body or person that may be the subject of consideration by the Council. The notice is valid until the end of the term of Council, unless the notice is withdrawn sooner.
4. The declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests is the responsibility of the individual Councillor. If another Councillor believes there is a conflict that has not been declared, the matter may be raised with the individual Councillor concerned, or alternatively, raised as a potential breach of Council's Code of Conduct.

Michael Tzimoulas
Executive Director Corporate Services

Brett Newman
Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM NUMBER 19.2
SUBJECT QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE: Questions Taken On Notice from Council Meeting - 8 February 2021
REFERENCE F2020/03849 - D07890808
FROM Governance Manager

QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 8 FEBRUARY 2021

| Item | Subject | Councillor | Question |
|------|--|------------|---|
| 11.1 | Rescission Motion: Item 12. Central City Advocacy & Council's WSROC Membership | Bradley | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Which Councillors were involved in the discussion around the decision to leave WSROC? What is the estimated administrative cost Council would bare if Council went to a Central City consortium as proposed? |

BACKGROUND

- Paragraph 9.23 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice states:

"Where a councillor or council employee to whom a question is put is unable to respond to the question at the meeting at which it is put, they may take it on notice and report the response to the next meeting of the Council."

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RESPONSE

- Staff responses to the questions taken on notice at the Council Meeting of 8 February 2021 are provided below:

| Item | Subject | Councillor | Question | Response | Executive Director |
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| 11.1 | Rescission Motion: Item 12. Central City Advocacy & Council's WSROC Membership | Bradley | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Which Councillors were involved in the discussion around the decision to leave WSROC? What is the estimated | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> As briefed in the Councillor Workshop on 3 February 2021, there were informal discussions between a number of staff a number of Councillors who raised the matter early in the year. All Councillors were provided with the same information as contained in the business paper when they were issued and the subsequent briefing note. As per our usual practice, all Councillors have the opportunity to contact senior staff and ask questions. | Brett Newman |

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| | | | administrative cost Council would bare if Council went to a Central City consortium as proposed? | 2. As briefed in the Councillor Workshop on 3 February 2021, as there is no such consortium currently being proposed it is not possible to know the scope of any such consortium and therefore impossible to provide any cost estimates. | |
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Brett Newman
Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS: