

MINUTES

of the **City Services Committee**
held in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall
1423 Botany Road, Botany
(Corner of Edward Street and Botany Road, Botany)
on **Wednesday 14 May 2025 at 6:34 PM**

Present

Councillor Edward McDougall, Mayor, Acting Chairperson
Councillor Soraya Kassim, Deputy Chair (via Audio-Visual Link)
Councillor Janin Bredehoeft
Councillor Christina Curry
Councillor Peter Strong (via Audio-Visual Link)
Councillor Vicki Poulos (via Audio-Visual Link)
Councillor Heidi-Lee Douglas, Deputy Mayor (Alternate Committee Member)
Councillor Liz Barlow (Alternate Committee Member)

Also present

Councillor Fiona Douskou (via Audio-Visual Link)
Meredith Wallace, General Manager
Peter Barber, Director City Futures
Debra Dawson, Director City Life
Richard Sheridan, Director City Performance
Christine Stamper, Manager Events, Arts and Design
Rani Param, Manager Community Life
Hong Nguyen, Manager Environment & Resilience (via Audio-Visual Link)
Helen Tola, Manager Governance & Risk (via Audio-Visual Link)
Diane Smith, Special Projects Coordinator, Community Life
Karen Barrass, Lead Governance
Linda Hackett, Governance Officer
Nabin Bhattarai, IT Service Management Officer
Damian Carson, IT Service Management Officer

Note: In the absence of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for this meeting, the Committee members resolved to elect a substitute Chairperson as the first item of business at the commencement of the meeting.

Procedural Motion

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Curry and Douglas

That the Mayor, Councillor McDougall be nominated as acting Chairperson for this meeting.

The Acting Chairperson opened the meeting in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall at 6:34pm.

1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Acting Chairperson affirmed that Bayside Council acknowledges the Bidjigal Clan, the traditional owners of the land on which we meet and work and acknowledges the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. Bayside Council pays respects to Elders past and present.

2 Apologies, Leave of Absence & Attendance Via Audio-Visual Link

Apologies

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Barlow and Curry

That the following apology be received and leave of absence granted:

- Councillor Awada.

Leave of Absence

There were no applications for Leave of Absence received.

Attendance Via Audio-Visual Link

Moved by Councillors Barlow and Curry

That Councillors Douskou, Strong, Poulos and Kassim's attendance at tonight's meeting via audio-visual link be granted.

Attendance of Alternate Committee Members

Moved by Councillors Curry and Bredehoeft

That attendance of Councillors Barlow and Douglas as Alternate Committee Members at tonight's meeting be granted in order to achieve a quorum.

3 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

[4.1 Minutes of the City Services Committee Meeting - 12 March 2025](#)

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Bredehoeft and Curry

That the Minutes of the City Services Committee meeting held on 12 March 2025 be noted.

4.2 Business Arising

The Committee notes that the Minutes of the City Services Committee meeting of Wednesday 12 March 2025 were received and the recommendations therein were adopted by the Council at its meeting of 26 March 2025.

5 Items by Exception

There were no Items by Exception.

6 Public Forum

There were no speakers for Public Forum.

7 Reports

[CS25.009 Events Report for 2025/2026](#)

Note: A verbal update was given by Christine Stamper, Manager Events Arts and Design.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Curry and Douglas

That Council notes the draft program of events for the 2025/2026 financial year and determines if any events are to be removed or included within the proposed budget allocation.

CS25.010 Negotiation of new Licence for Rockdale Ilinden Football Club to use Council Owned Facilities

Note: A presentation was given by Peter Barber, Director City Futures.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Strong and Curry

- 1 That, despite the current licence having over 5 years until its end date, Council endorse the General Manager entering into negotiations with Rockdale Ilinden FC for a 21-year licence over 468 West Botany Street, Rockdale.
- 2 That Council note that discussions in relation to a new licence over Brighton Memorial Playing fields be deferred until TfNSW hand back the completed fields at Bicentennial East.

CS25.011 Response to Notice of Motion - Energy from Waste Options Paper

Note: A verbal update was given by Debra Dawson, Director City Life.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Curry and Bredehoeft

That the report on Response to Notice of Motion - Energy from Waste Options Paper be submitted and forwarded onto Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Council (SSROC) this week to ensure it is included in their business papers next week.

CS25.012 Draft Bayside Council Circus Policy

Note: A verbal update was giv by Debra Dawson, Director City Life.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Curry and Bredehoeft

- 1 That Council notes the Report.
- 2 That Council endorse the draft Circus Policy for Public Exhibition.
- 3 That the outcome of community feedback on the Policy is reported back to the City Services Committee for consideration.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Douglas and Curry

That Standing Orders be suspended in order to deal with CS25.013 - CONFIDENTIAL - Response to Notice of Motion: Early Childhood Learning in Bayside Payment and Conditions at the conclusion of the City Performance Committee Meeting, the time being 7:12pm.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Curry and Douglas

That Standing Orders be resumed, the time being at 7:17pm, noting that after closing the a decision was made to resume the City Services Committee and deal with CS25.013 - CONFIDENTIAL - Response to Notice of Motion: Early Childhood Learning in Bayside Payment and Conditions, the time being 7:17pm.

8 Confidential Reports / Matters

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, the Chairperson invited members of the public to make representations as to whether this part of the meeting should be closed to the public.

There were no representations.

Closed Committee Meeting

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Curry and Bredehoeft

- 1 That, in accordance with section 10A (1) of the Local Government Act 1993, the Committee considers the following items in closed Committee Meeting, from which the press and public are excluded, for the reasons indicated:

CS25.013 CONFIDENTIAL - Response to Notice of Motion: Early Childhood Learning in Bayside Payment and Conditions

In accordance with section 10A (2) (f) of the Local Government Act 1993, the matters dealt with in this report relate to issues affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council Staff or Council property. It is considered that if

the matter were discussed in an open meeting it would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest due to the issue it deals with.

- 2 That, in accordance with section 11 (2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the reports, correspondence and other documentation relating to these items be withheld from the press and public.

CS25.013 CONFIDENTIAL - Response to Notice of Motion: Early Childhood Learning in Bayside Payment and Conditions

Note: A presentation was given by Debra Dawson, Director City Life and Rani Param, Manager Community Life.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Curry and Bredehoeft

- 1 That Council notes this report and the competitive salary system within Council's Early Education and Care Centres.
- 2 That Council endorse the self-funded salary increases to Bayside Council Childcare educators to ensure we remain an Employer of Choice for a childhood centre.

Resumption of Open Committee Meeting

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Curry and McDougall

That, the closed part of the meeting having concluded, the open Committee Meeting resume and it be open to the press and public, the time being at 8:02pm.

The Chairperson made public the Committee Recommendations that were made during the closed part of the meeting.

The next meeting will be held in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall at 6:30pm on Wednesday, 11 June 2025.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8:03pm.