

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 11 June 2025 at 6:33 PM**

Present

Councillor Edward McDougall, Mayor
Councillor Joe Awada, Chairperson
Councillor Soraya Kassim, Deputy Chairperson
Councillor Peter Strong
Councillor Janin Bredehoeft
Councillor Christina Curry
Councillor Vicki Poulos

Also present

Councillor Liz Barlow (via Audio-Visual link)
Councillor Chris Saravinovski (arriving at 7:38pm)
Councillor Heidi Lee Douglas
Meredith Wallace, General Manager
Debra Dawson, Director City Life
Richard Sheridan, Director City Performance
Phoebe Mikhie, Manager Compliance and Community Safety
Lorraine Olmedo, Manager Communications and Engagement
Rani Param, Manager Community Life
Hong Nguyen, Manager Environment & Resilience
Helen Tola, Manager Governance & Risk
Steve Hughes, Chief Financial Officer, The Infants Home
Cathy Jackson, Manager Family Day Care, The Infants Home
Anne Suann, Governance Officer
Linda Hackett, Governance Officer
Nabin Bhattarai, IT Service Management Officer

The Chairperson opened the meeting in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall at 6:33pm.

1 Acknowledgement of Country

The 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

There were no apologies received.

Leave of Absence

There were no applications for Leave of Absence received.

Attendance Via Audio-Visual Link

There were no Committee members in attendance via audio-visual link.

3 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

[4.1 Minutes of the City Services Committee Meeting - 14 May 2025](#)

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors McDougall and Curry

That the Minutes of the City Services Committee meeting held on 14 May 2025 be noted.

4.2 – Business Arising

The Committee notes that the Minutes of the City Services Committee of Wednesday 14 May 2025 were received and the recommendations therein were adopted by the Council at its meeting of Wednesday 28 May 2025.

5 Items by Exception

There were no Items by Exception.

6 Public Forum

There were no speakers for Public Forum.

7 Reports

CS25.014 Halloween William St, Botany Engagement Outcomes Report

Note: A presentation was given by Lorraine Olmedo, Manager Communications & Engagement.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Curry and Strong

- 1 That Council notes the Halloween William Street, Botany Community Engagement Outcomes Report.
- 2 That Council supports the implementation of minimal traffic management measures, based on advice from Council's Traffic Management Team.

CS25.015 Response to Notice of Motion - Managing Food Delivery E-Bike Impacts in Bayside

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

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Curry and Strong

- 1 That Council notes the limited but important role that local government plays in managing the impacts of food delivery e-bikes on local communities.
- 2 That Council writes to the NSW Minister for Transport and the NSW Minister for Work Health and Safety, requesting a review of the recommendations of the Joint Taskforce: Food Delivery Rider Safety.
- 3 That Council investigates the feasibility of a local education campaign and increased engagement with delivery platforms.
- 4 That Council notes that only 2 complaints relating to food bike delivery have been received.
- 5 That a motion to the NSW Local Government Conference be drafted for Councils consideration.

CS25.016 Response to Notice of Motion - Regeneration and Bushcare for Bardwell Valley and Creek

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

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Poulos and Kassim

- 1 That the Response to Notice of Motion - Regeneration and Bushcare for Bardwell Valley and Creek report be received and noted.
- 2 That Council pursue Sydney Airport and/or other funding sources for Regeneration and Bushcare for Bardwell Valley and Creek, urban eco-systems and waterways.

CS25.017 Memorandum of Understanding - Cooks River Alliance 2025-2029

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

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Bredehoeft and Kassim

- 1 That Council commits to Cooks River Alliance's member contributions fees for Bayside as outlined in the report for the next 4 years (2025-2029)
- 2 That Council authorises the General Manager to sign the MoU with Cooks River Alliance from 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2029.
- 3 That Council request the Cooks River Alliance provides an annual report to be tabled in Council Committee papers.

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 Councillors Bredehoeft and Curry

- 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:

CS25.018 CONFIDENTIAL - Service Review - Children's Services

In accordance with section 10A (2) (a) of the Local Government Act 1993, the matters dealt with in this report relate to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

- 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.

CS25.018 CONFIDENTIAL - Service Review - Children's Services

Note: A presentation was given by Debra Dawson - Director City Services, Rani Param - Manager Community Life, Cathy Jackson - Manager Family Day Care, The Infants Home and Steve Hughes – CEO, The Infant's Home.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors McDougall and Bredehoeft

- 1 That Council note the issues raised in this report, including the substantial efforts of staff to increase the number of home-based educators, particularly over the past five years.
- 2 That Council approves the closure of Botany Family Day Care Program effective from 30 September 2025 to allow the transfer of remaining educators and families to The Infant's Home.
- 3 That Council note the ongoing utilisation of 149 Coward Street, Mascot will be the subject of a future decision.

Resumption of Open Committee Meeting

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Curry and Kassim

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 7:46pm.

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, 9 July 2025.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 7:47pm.

Unconfirmed