

# **Strategic & Corporate Committee Minutes**

**Monday 16 April 2007**

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# Strategic & Corporate Committee Minutes

**Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Monday 16 April 2007 at 6.05pm**

Present: Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Keri Huxley, ex-officio (Chair)  
Councillors Anthony Boskovitz  
John Comino  
Claudia Cullen  
Christopher Dawson  
Wilhelmina Gardner  
Julian Martin (arrived during R1)  
Andrew Petrie  
Geoff Rundle (arrived during R1)  
Isabelle Shapiro  
David Shoebridge  
John Walker

Staff: A Coker (Director – Planning & Development)  
G Clarke (Director – Corporate Services)  
W Hatton (Director – Technical Services)  
G James (General Manager)  
K Walshe (Director – Community Services)  
L Windle (Manager – Governance)  
D Johnston (Manager Finance)  
M Phair (Team Leader Financial Services)

Also in Attendance: Nil

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## **Leave of Absence**

Leave of Absence previously granted by Council: Councillors Ehrlich and Excell.

Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Sinclair King and Rundle and Leave of Absence granted.

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## **Late Correspondence**

Late correspondence was submitted to the committee in relation to Items: R1

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## **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Andre Petrie declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to 9A Cooper Park Road, Bellevue Hill as he lives at 17A Cooper Park Road, Bellevue Hill.

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**Items with Recommendations from this Committee  
Submitted to the Council for Decision (Items R1 to R1)**

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**Item No:** R1 Recommendation to Council

**Subject:** 2007/2008 Draft Budget

**Author:** Don Johnston, Manager Finance  
Michelle Phair, Team Leader Financial Services

**File No:** 331G 2007/2008

**Reason for Report:** To:

- A) refer a report considered by the Corporate & Works Committee on 19 March to the Strategic & Corporate Committee and to provide a summary of that report; and
- B) seek a determination of how recent initiatives will be funded to allow the preparation of a draft budget for inclusion in the draft Management Plan.

**Note:** Councillor Andre Petrie declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to 9A Cooper Park Road, Bellevue Hill as he lives at 17A Cooper Park Road, Bellevue Hill.

**Note:** Late correspondence was tabled at the meeting from the Vaucluse Progress Association.

**Motion moved by Councillor Walker  
Seconded by Councillor Shapiro**

1. That a Draft 2007/2008 Budget be prepared incorporating:
  - \$250,000 allocation from funds currently held by the Waverly Woollahra Process Plant, noting that the proceeds from the sale and any interest thereon will be held in reserve
  - no allocation of interest earned from the Cosmopolitan Centre commercial arrangements
  - the General Manager to prepare a report on options to fund an amount equal to the interest earned from the Cosmopolitan Centre commercial arrangements from the Operating Budget.
2. That Council apply for a special variation of 6.35% above the permissible increase, incorporating an additional provision for Wharves, Jetties and Baths, noting that the current Environmental Levy lapses on 30 June 2007 and the effective increase in rates will be 1.92% above the permissible increase subject to the Watsons Bay Baths reconstruction project being included in Council's Environmental and Infrastructure Renewal Program.
3. That the funding for the Watsons Bay Baths reconstruction project be further considered in light of the determination of Council's special variation application and Council's resolution of 12 March 2007.
4. That the Watsons Bay Baths reconstruction project be submitted to the Assets Working Party meeting to be held on 8 May 2007 for consideration.

**Amendment moved by Councillor Shoebridge  
Seconded by Councillor Gardner**

That the recommendation from the Committee be adopted subject to the inclusion of 2 additional dot points in part 1 of the recommendation to read as follows:

- the draft capital budget being reduced by \$1.5m and the savings to be found from the Double Bay Public Improvement program.
- reallocation of \$620,000 from the Watsons Bay Commercial Centre Stage 1B project

**The Amendment was put and Lost.**

**Amendment moved by Councillor Cullen  
Seconded by Councillor Petrie**

That staff provide a report on alternate means to service the loan raised for streetscape improvement works in Double Bay with consideration of:

- an allocation of interest earned from the Cosmopolitan Centre commercial arrangements being reserved,
- savings from the operating budget through a reduction in services,
- reduction in the Double Bay Streetscape budget,
- reduction in other capital work items,
- funding for the Watsons Bay baths reconstruction project being referred to the Assets Working Party meeting to be held on 8 May 2007.

**Following further debate Councillor Cullen withdrew her Amendment.**

**The Motion moved by Councillor Walker and Seconded by Councillor Shapiro was put and adopted.**

**Recommendation:**

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There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.08pm.

*We certify that the pages numbered 694 to 699 inclusive are the Minutes of the Strategic & Corporate Committee Meeting held on 16 April 2007 and confirmed by Council at the Ordinary Meeting on 30 April 2007 as correct*

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**Chairperson**

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**Secretary of Committee**