

ITEM 14. NOTICES OF MOTION**VIOLENCE IN OXFORD STREET, DARLINGHURST (S044436)****1. By Councillor Mallard**

Council recognises the increasing levels of violence associated with the entertainment strip of Oxford Street, Darlinghurst.

In particular, Council:

- notes with concern the community evidence of increased violence against the gay and lesbian community in particular who frequent Oxford Street and nearby streets and encourages all victims of any violence to report the incident to the police;
- acknowledges the Oxford Street Safety Strategy and installation of CCTV whilst positive contributions to public safety have not made significant improvements on Oxford street;
- notes the call for community patrols and believes that such actions should only be undertaken by qualified organisations and authorities;
- notes that Oxford Street has evolved into one of Sydney's major entertainment and late night economy precincts and that this use must be proactively managed; and
- acknowledges that the overwhelming majority of Oxford Street patrons and hoteliers are acting responsibly and that the violence and other anti-social behaviour is perpetrated by an unrepresentative irresponsible minority.

In response to the issues outlined, Council resolves to:

- open an Oxford Street Community Safety Centre (CSC) located ideally on the busy south side of Oxford Street amongst the busy night clubs;
- pay the overtime of at least 4 police officers to be based at the CSC, noting that the NSW government has a policy in place to allow this;
- have Council funded police officers operating Thursday through to Saturday night 9pm to 7am and, subject to advice, conduct joint patrols with Council rangers and other enforcement staff along Oxford Street through venues and in nearby streets during those hours;
- locate other Council resources, such as CCTV for Oxford Street and ranger patrols, at the CSC;
- invite community organisations such as ACON and the anti-violence project to locate relevant resources at the CSC;
- operate the CSC as a one year trial, after which a full assessment and report will be provided to Council for consideration; and
- draw the funds for the CSC trial from the CEO's contingency fund.

CRÈCHE FOR CITY OF SYDNEY EMPLOYEES (S044431)**2. By Councillor Harris**

Council requests:

That staff prepare a report on the provision and operation of an in house childcare centre for the children of City of Sydney staff.

That report should include a survey of existing staff, where within Council property it could be located, the capacity of the crèche and forecast cost.

PARKING PERMITS FOR GLEBE POLICE STATION (S044437)**3. By Councillor Firth**

That Council:

1. Recognise the vital social service that Police Officers working in the City of Sydney provide to all residents.
2. Acknowledge that the current situation which has seen Police Officers' cars regularly booked while undertaking their duties in protecting the residents of Glebe is unacceptable.
3. Acknowledge that the provision of such a vital service warrants cooperation from all authorities extending to the provision of parking
4. Issue the Glebe Police Station with twenty parking permits so that Police Officers may park in streets surrounding the Station without being fined.

ART AND ABOUT (S044435)**4. By Councillor Kemmis**

That Council, noting:

- the contribution of Art and About in Glebe over the past three years in bringing the community together and creating a vibrant local identity;
- the potential of similar events to contribute to the cultural life of the City's villages and revitalisation of village high streets; and
- the existing mechanism for obtaining funding for Art and About in Glebe requires the community to commit resources without any certainty of funding;

requests the CEO to investigate ways to extend Art and About related activities into the City's villages which would:

- provide greater certainty to local communities organising such activities;
- encourage a community based grassroots approach in developing and organising such activities; and
- include a transparent and accountable funding mechanism.