

**Submission
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**EXAMINATION OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL'S PERFORMANCE AUDIT
REPORTS JUNE - DECEMBER 2020**

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Parliament of New South Wales
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Dear Mr Piper,

**Auditor-General's performance audit report - Governance and internal controls
over local infrastructure contributions**

I am writing in response to your request for a submission in response to the above report following the performance audit undertaken by the Auditor-General's Office.

The City has implemented the three recommendations accepted by it in that report, as set out in the table attached. Implementation of the audit recommendations has been regularly reported to the City's Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee, meetings of which are attended by representatives of the Auditor-General's office.

The City does not have any further submission or feedback in relation to the audit.

If you have any further queries in relation to this matter, please contact Bill Carter the City's Chief Financial Officer on [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely


Monica Barone
Chief Executive Officer

IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS
City of Sydney Governance and internal controls over local infrastructure contributions

RECOMMENDATION		ACCEPTED OR REJECTED	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN	DUE DATE	STATUS (completed, on track, delayed) and COMMENT	RESPONSIBILITY (Section of agency responsible for implementation)
1	Regularly report to senior management on the projected financial status of contribution plans.	Accepted	Regular reporting implemented to Executive through a Contributions & Planning Agreements Gateway Panel	December 2020	Completed – regular reporting implemented from May 2020.	CFO
2	Improve public reporting about expenditure of cash collected under Voluntary Planning Agreements	Accepted	Implement additional reporting in Annual Report	December 2020	Completed – additional information included in 2019/2020 annual report, and subsequent years	CFO
3	Periodically review the risk of unpaid LICs associated with complying development certificates and assess whether additional controls are required – implementation December 2020.	Accepted	Review of CDCs undertaken and ongoing work incorporated into a broader business improvement project	December 2020	Ongoing – review of risk undertaken and business improvement project in train	Executive Manager, Development and Director, Legal and Governance
4	Implement security measures to ensure the integrity of key spreadsheets used to manage local infrastructure contributions.	Rejected	Review access and integrity controls of associated spreadsheets		Access is protected within City's firewalls, and periodic excerpts are retained in the City's corporate record systems.	CFO