

ITEM B LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - CHALLENGES FOR RETAIL IN CITY CENTRE

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that Wollongong City Council:

- 1 Expedite the review of city centre levies in light of the downturn in retail trade and the present economic circumstances to inform a rating structure review.
- 2 Note that the Delivery Program 2018 – 2022 includes a commitment to complete an LGA-wide retail centres study and request that the study prioritise the city centre to identify all factors influencing retail opportunities and challenges.
- 3 Investigate if there is any targeted business support that Council can provide retailers operating in the city centre.
- 4 Create an opportunity for all retailers to access information from the NSW Small Business Commissioner to assist with current and future challenges in the city centre.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.