

Council Meeting Minutes

7 July 2025

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*A City which values its heritage, cultural diversity,
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VENUE Council Chambers, Norwood Town Hall

HOUR 7.00pm

PRESENT

Council Members Mayor Robert Bria
Cr Kester Moorhouse
Cr Garry Knoblauch
Cr Hugh Holfeld
Cr Josh Robinson
Cr Kevin Duke
Cr Connie Granozio
Cr Victoria McFarlane
Cr Scott Sims
Cr Grant Piggott
Cr Sue Whittington
Cr Christel Mex

Staff Mario Barone (Chief Executive Officer)
Carlos Buzzetti (General Manager, Urban Planning & Environment)
Jared Barnes (General Manager, Infrastructure & Major Projects)
Lisa Mara (General Manager, Governance & Civic Affairs)
Jenny McFeat (Manager, Governance)
Nick Carr (Manager, Assets & Projects)
Stuart Pope (Project Manager, City Projects)
Allison Kane (Manager, Strategic Communications & Advocacy)
Natalia Axenova (Chief Financial Officer)
Marina Fischetti (Governance Officer)
Giulia Flowers (Executive Assistant, Chief Executive's Office)

APOLOGIES Cr John Callisto

ABSENT Nil

1. KAURNA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

2. OPENING PRAYER

The Opening Prayer was read by Cr Kevin Duke.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2025

Cr Sims moved that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 10 June 2025 be taken as read and confirmed. Seconded by Cr Knoblauch and carried unanimously.

4. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION

Monday, 2 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presided over a Council meeting, Council Chamber, Norwood Town Hall.
Wednesday, 4 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended the Radio Italiana 531 Radiothon, Fogular Furlan Club, Felixstow.
Friday, 6 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended the Eastern Region Alliance (ERA) Mayors Monthly Breakfast, Adelaide.
Monday, 9 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended the pre-match function followed by the Sturt versus Norwood football match, Unley Oval, Unley.
Tuesday, 10 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presided over a Special Council Meeting, Council Chamber, Norwood Town Hall.
Sunday, 15 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended the Feast of Saint Anthony Celebration Mass, Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Parish, Payneham.
Sunday, 15 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended the Fundraiser Luncheon, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Parish of Prophet Elias Norwood and Eastern Suburbs, Norwood.
Monday, 16 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presided over a Citizenship Ceremony, Norwood Concert Hall.
Monday, 16 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended a meeting with the General Manager, Governance & Civic Affairs, Mayor's Office, Norwood Town Hall.
Tuesday, 17 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended the Mid-Year Business Networking Function, Rio Coffee, Stepney.
Friday, 20 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended the 2025 Australian Institute of Landscape Architecture (South Australia) Awards, Adelaide Zoo, Adelaide.
Sunday, 22 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended the pre-match function followed by the Norwood versus South football match, Norwood Oval.
Monday, 23 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended a meeting with Council staff: George Street Upgrade Communication Strategy, Norwood Town Hall.
Monday, 23 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended meeting with the General Manager, Governance & Civic Affairs, Norwood Town Hall.
Tuesday, 24 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chaired a Mainstreet SA Committee meeting (Zoom).
Wednesday, 25 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-recorded radio interview with ABC 891.
Wednesday, 25 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended a meeting with a resident, Mayor's Office, Norwood Town Hall.
Thursday, 26 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended the pre-match function followed by the Port Adelaide versus Carlton football match, Adelaide Oval.
Saturday, 28 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended the pre-match function followed by the Norwood versus Glenelg football match, Norwood Oval.
Monday, 30 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended a meeting with the Chief Executive Officer; General Manager, Governance & Civic Affairs and representatives from the South Australian State Offices for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Department for Home Affairs, Meeting Room 1, Norwood Town Hall.
Wednesday, 2 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended the Problem-based Learning Presentation: East Adelaide School, St Peters.
Thursday, 3 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended a meeting with a business owner, Kensington.
Thursday, 3 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended an on-site meeting with a business owner, Kent Town.
Friday, 4 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended the Eastern Region Alliance (ERA) Mayors Monthly Breakfast, Adelaide.

- **Mid-Year Business Networking Function 17 June 2025**

Mayor Bria briefed the Council on the Mid-Year Business Networking Function, held at Rio Coffee, Stepney, which was attended by approximately 120 local traders. Mayor Bria mentioned the majority of traders who attended this function had not previously attended a Business Networking Function.

Mayor Bria also congratulated the following businesses, which received Mayor's Business Commendation Awards:

- Merlin Post-Production (10 Years) – Bronze Award
- Jarvis Ford (25 Years) – Silver Award; and
- Norwood Parade Cycles (25 Years) – Silver Award.

Mayor Bria thanked all staff involved in the organisation of the event, which was appreciated by everyone who attended.

- **2025 Australian Institute of Landscape Architecture (South Australia) Awards – 20 June**

Mayor Bria briefed the Council regarding the 2025 Australian Institute of Landscape Architecture (South Australia) Awards, held at the Adelaide Zoo, Adelaide.

Mayor Bria advised the Council received three (3) awards:

- Commendation Healthy Places, Healthy People (Burchell Reserve);
- Commendation – Water for Life (Burchell Reserve); and
- Winner – Play Spaces (Dunstan Adventure Playground).

Mayor Bria thanked and congratulated the contractors involved in the projects:

- Outerspace Studios (Burchell Reserve); and
- CLOVER Green Space (Dunstan Adventure Playground).

5. DELEGATES COMMUNICATION

- Cr Moorhouse advised that from 24-27 June 2025, he together with Cr McFarlane, Cr Sims and the General Manager, Governance & Civic Affairs, attended the 2025 Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly in Canberra.

6. ELECTED MEMBER DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

7. ADJOURNED ITEMS

Nil

8. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

9. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

9.1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE – EXPENDITURE ON MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS - SUBMITTED BY MAYOR ROBERT BRIA

QUESTION WITH NOTICE: Expenditure on Major Capital Projects
SUBMITTED BY: Mayor Robert Bria
FILE REFERENCE: qA1040
ATTACHMENTS: Nil

BACKGROUND

Mayor Bria has submitted the following Questions with Notice:

1. How much was spent on major capital projects in St Peters completed after the 2022 Council elections? (For example, what was the cost of the upgrades of the St Peters Street, Burchell Reserve, and Dunstan Adventure Playground projects, and widening the paths along Linear Park?)
2. What is the total capital expenditure (asset renewals) in St Peters (footpaths, road-reseals, kerb and water-tables, stormwater drainage, etc?) in the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 budgets?
3. What is the total capital expenditure on The Parade since the amalgamation in 1997?

REASONS IN SUPPORT OF QUESTION

Nil

RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS PREPARED BY GENERAL MANAGER, INFRASTRUCTURE & MAJOR PROJECTS

Question 1

The total spend on major capital projects in St Peters since the 2022 Council elections, is \$14,050,776. The amount spent for each project is set out below:

- St Peters Street Upgrade Project - \$5,194,722;
- Dunstan Adventure Playground Redevelopment - \$2,141,847;
- Burchell Reserve Redevelopment - \$4,614,144;
- River Torrens Linear Park Shared Path - \$1,993,651;
- Otto Park Lighting - \$55,990; and
- Introduction of 40km Speed Limit (Hackney to Marden) - \$50,422.

Question 2

The total capital expenditure for asset renewals in St Peters for the past two financial years (i.e. 2023-2024 and 2024-2025) was \$1,436,975. The amount spent for each financial year was:

- \$946,158 in 2023-2024; and
- \$490,817 in 2024-2025.

For the 2025-2026 financial year, \$250,000 has been budgeted for asset renewals in St Peters.

Question 3

The total capital expenditure on The Parade in Norwood, from Fullarton Road to Portrush Road, since 1997 is \$446,411. This expenditure includes the following:

- \$112,682 for stormwater works in 2004-2005 and 2005-2006;
- \$55,984 for median landscaping in 2010-2011 and 2012-2013;
- \$210,026 for kerb ramp upgrades in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013; and
- \$67,719 for bollard installation in 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

Since 1997, \$546,676 was also spent on road resealing The Parade in Kensington, from Phillips Street to Shipsters Road, in 2021-2022.

10. DEPUTATIONS

10.1 DEPUTATION – EXPENDITURE ON MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS, 2025-2026 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND REPLACEMENT OF PUBLIC ARTWORKS AT LINDE RESERVE

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager, Governance & Civic Affairs
GENERAL MANAGER: Chief Executive Officer
CONTACT NUMBER: 8366 4568
FILE REFERENCE: qA1041
ATTACHMENTS: Nil

SPEAKER/S

Mr David Cree

ORGANISATION/GROUP REPRESENTED BY SPEAKER/S

St Peters Residents Association

COMMENTS

The St Peters Residents Association has written to the Council requesting that Mr David Cree, on behalf of the St Peters Residents Association, be permitted to address the Council in relation to Expenditure on Major Capital Works, 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan and Replacement of Public Artworks at Linde Reserve.

In accordance with the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*, Mr David Cree has been given approval to address the Council.

Mr David Cree addressed the Council on this matter.

At the expiration of 5 minutes, Mayor Bria sought leave of the meeting to provide Mr Cree with additional time to conclude his deputation. Leave of the meeting was granted.

11. PETITIONS
Nil

12. WRITTEN NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 WRITTEN NOTICE OF MOTION – CULTURAL RECOGNITION OF THE HISTORY OF THE PAYNEHAM MEMORIAL SWIMMING CENTRE SITE – SUBMITTED BY MAYOR ROBERT BRIA

NOTICE OF MOTION:	Cultural Recognition of the History of the Payneham Memorial Swimming Centre Site
SUBMITTED BY:	Mayor Robert Bria
FILE REFERENCE:	qA1039
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil

Pursuant to Regulation 12(1) of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*, the following Notice of Motion has been submitted by Mayor Robert Bria.

NOTICE OF MOTION

That staff investigate opportunities to work with an artist(s) / graphic designer(s) to identify opportunities to appropriately acknowledge the Kurna people and interpret the history and development of the Payneham Memorial Swimming Centre site.

REASONS IN SUPPORT OF MOTION

As Members are aware, the Payneham Memorial Swimming Centre is scheduled for practical completion by the end of March 2026, with the facility scheduled to be fully operational by 1 July 2026.

As we enter the final 12 months until the opening and given the significance of this massive capital project, I believe the Council should undertake an investigation of the cultural significance (Kurna and European) and history of the site of the facility and consider opportunities to recognise these elements.

Some members will recall that as part of the development of Felixstow Reserve, Kurna Elders were consulted extensively and provided value cultural advice with regard to a number of specific sites along Linear Park. However staff have advised that a heritage assessment was completed for the PMSC project in 2023. The site has been significantly altered since European settlement. The Aboriginal use and connection to this site, and particularly Third Creek, unfortunately is lost.

Notwithstanding this, there remains an opportunity to recognise the history of the site.

STAFF COMMENT

Investigations as requested can be undertaken.

Cr Mex moved:

That staff investigate opportunities to work with an artist(s) / graphic designer(s) to identify opportunities to appropriately acknowledge the Kurna people and interpret the history and development of the Payneham Memorial Swimming Centre site.

Seconded by Cr Sims and carried unanimously.

12.2 WRITTEN NOTICE OF MOTION – COMMUNITY RENEWABLES PROGRAM – SUBMITTED BY CR CHRISTEL MEX

NOTICE OF MOTION:	Community Renewables Program
SUBMITTED BY:	Cr Christel Mex
FILE REFERENCE:	qA1039
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil

Pursuant to Regulation 12(1) of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*, the following Notice of Motion has been submitted by Cr Christel Mex.

NOTICE OF MOTION

1. That staff prepare a feasibility report to Council on the possible implementation of a Community Renewables Program.
2. The report can include, but not be limited to, different program options, outcomes from schemes in other Council areas, projected cost savings to residents and Council and risk management issues.
3. The report will be provided to the Council by the January 2026 meeting.

REASONS IN SUPPORT OF MOTION

Community renewables programs often involve bulk-buying schemes for solar panels and batteries, community battery installations, and sometimes the development of Virtual Power Plants (VPP) to benefit a wide range of residents and community groups often with no up-front costs. Many Councils in South Australia have already implemented schemes, all in partnership with ShineHub as the program provider.

Bulk-buy schemes and community solar programs reduce upfront costs and provide long-term savings on electricity bills. They improve local energy resilience, especially during grid outages or extreme weather events. In addition, the schemes support local installers, electricians and tradespeople by creating jobs and upskilling opportunities in the renewable energy sector. In addition, by increasing the use of renewable energy, the programs reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reliance on fossil fuels contributing to climate targets.

In addition to benefiting residents, the schemes also benefit community groups, and in some instances small businesses. Councils who have implemented such schemes have reported cost savings in street lighting, sporting fields and building energy costs.

Some examples include:

- **City of Mitcham**
The City of Mitcham's Community Renewables Program, launched in 2021 in partnership with ShineHub, offers solar panels and home batteries to households and businesses with no upfront costs. This initiative has led to substantial energy bill reductions for participants. The program has installed over 900 systems joining a 'virtual power plant', totalling 4MW of solar PV generation and 10MWh of battery storage. Many participants also joined a Virtual Power Plant (VPP), enhancing their savings. A Council briefing in June 2024 reported a return of investment for residents participating in the scheme is 4.5 years, with participants saving over \$2 million off energy bills (\$3,070,000 pre-installation and \$231,097 post installation). The program prevented new carbon emissions of 2,600 tons and was the overall winner of the Premier's Climate Change Committee 2024 Climate Leaders Award.
- **City of Charles Sturt**
In early 2024 the City of Charles Sturt implemented their Community Renewables Program aimed at promoting the adoption of solar energy and battery storage among residents. Over 250 residents have participated to date with participants reporting significant reductions in their electricity bills. The program also includes the establishment of a VPP, allowing participants to earn premium payments.

- **Other SA Councils**

The City of Unley started its Community Renewables Program in September 2024, with a solar and battery bulk buy for residents. The City of Unley hosts community information events where residents can learn about solar energy basics and the scheme. The City of Campbelltown launched its program in June 2024 and the City of Marion launched a similar scheme in 2024 called the Solar Savings Scheme.

- **Other Australian Councils**

In New South Wales the cities of Newcastle, Kiama and Willoughby provide similar schemes. Councils in Victoria who operate programs include Ararat and the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance, which facilitates solar energy solutions for residents across 13 Councils.

As the schemes have been operating for some time in other Councils, a report to the Council on how a similar scheme can be implemented should not be significant burden. It would also be timely, given the cost of living pressures experienced by members of our community and the ever increasing power bills to our Council.

STAFF COMMENT

A report, as requested in the Motion, can be prepared for the January 2026 Council meeting.

Cr Mex moved:

1. *That staff prepare a feasibility report to Council on the possible implementation of a Community Renewables Program.*
2. *The report can include, but not be limited to, different program options, outcomes from schemes in other Council areas, projected cost savings to residents and Council and risk management issues.*
3. *The report will be provided to the Council by the January 2026 meeting.*

Seconded by Cr Moorhouse and carried.

Division

Cr Mex called for a division and the decision was set aside.

Those in favour:

Cr Piggott, Cr Whittington, Cr Holfeld, Cr Knoblauch, Cr Duke, Cr Robinson, Cr Sims, Cr Granozio, Cr Mex and Cr Moorhouse.

Those against:

Cr McFarlane.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

13. STAFF REPORTS

Section 1 – Strategy & Policy

Reports

[No Items listed under this Section]

Section 2 – Corporate & Finance

Reports

13.1 DRAFT 2025–2026 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN – CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

REPORT AUTHOR: Manager, Strategic Communications & Advocacy
GENERAL MANAGER: General Manager, Governance & Civic Affairs
CONTACT NUMBER: 8366 4549
FILE REFERENCE:
ATTACHMENTS: A

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present two (2) additional submissions that were received as part of the consultation regarding the draft 2025–2026 Annual Business Plan and Budget, for the Council's consideration.

BACKGROUND

As Elected Members will recall, at its meeting held on 11 June 2025, the Council considered submissions that were received as part of the consultation process associated with the draft 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

However, following the Council Meeting, it was brought to the Council's attention that the submission which was forwarded to the Council by the St Peters Residents Association was not included with the submissions that were considered by the Council at its meeting held on 11 June 2025.

As part of the process to determine why the submission had not been received, it was also identified that a second submission had been received that was also not considered by the Council as part of the process.

Both submissions had been sent to the Council prior to the conclusion of the consultation period, however due to an issue with the consultation email address, both submissions were not redirected to the Council's Corporate Records system.

A copy of the two (2) submissions is contained in **Attachment A**.

RELEVANT STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS & POLICIES

The Council's long-term strategic directions are outlined in *CityPlan 2030—Shaping Our Future*. The draft Plan and supporting draft Budget 2025–2026 (the draft Budget) set out the proposed services, programs and initiatives for the 2025–2026 financial year and explains how the Council intends to fund them.

The Council's Long-term Financial Plan (LTFP) is a key document in the Council's strategic planning framework. It is the primary financial management tool that links the Council's strategic plan, *CityPlan 2030—Shaping Our Future*, Whole-of-Life Asset Management Plans and the Annual Business Plan and Budget.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

If the Council resolves to amend the draft plan as a result of its consideration of the submissions which have been received, it should be noted that there may be financial implications that will impact the draft budget. The financial implications on the draft budget will be determined following the Council's consideration of the submissions. As such, should Elected members propose to put forward any amendments, they should contact the Chief Financial Officer before the meeting to discuss possible impacts of any amendments.

EXTERNAL ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable.

SOCIAL ISSUES

Not Applicable.

CULTURAL ISSUES

Not Applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Not Applicable.

RESOURCE ISSUES

Not Applicable.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Not Applicable.

CONSULTATION

- **Elected Members**
Elected Members have been involved throughout the preparation of the draft Plan and Budget, have considered the various components of the draft Plan and Budget and have made 'in principle' decisions as appropriate.
- **Community**
Citizens have been provided with an opportunity to provide input into and comment on the draft Plan and Budget as part of the consultation process that included the publication of a public notice in The Advertiser on 9 May 2025, inviting citizens to provide their comments on the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget, and on the projects, programs and initiatives that the Council plans to undertake in 2025–2026.
- **Staff**
The review of the operating expenditure, special projects and the draft Annual Business Plan process has been completed with the involvement of the Chief Executive Officer, Executive Leadership Team and the various responsible officers.
- **Other Agencies**
Not Applicable.

DISCUSSION

A summary of the submissions is set out below.

1. Comments submitted by the St Peters Residents Association (SPRA)

The St Peters Residents Association submission expresses concern regarding the Council's financial position in terms of the Council's level of debt and the impact that this is having on ratepayers due to the Rate revenue required to fund borrowings.

2. Comments submitted by Mr Chirag Thakker

Mr Thakker's submission raises concerns with the Residential Rate increase particularly in the context of cost of living pressures and believes that spending on infrastructure should take into consideration the financial situation of residents.

OPTIONS

On the basis of the submissions that have been received, there is no recommended action in respect to the submissions in terms of the draft 2025–2026 Annual Business Plan and Budget as this is a decision for the Council to make.

To this end, the Council can determine to amend its position as it sees fit.

CONCLUSION

Pursuant to Section 123(6a) of the Act, should the Council propose to make amendments to the draft 2025–2026 Annual Business Plan and Budget, the adopted Annual Business Plan must include a statement which sets out the significant amendments from the draft Plan and provide the reason for those amendments.

COMMENTS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the submissions which have been received in respect to the draft 2025–2026 Annual Business Plan, as contained in Attachment A, be received and noted.
 2. That the Council notes that a response to the submissions will be provided together with the responses to the submissions which have been provided by citizens and organisations who have made written submissions in respect to the Draft 2025–2026 Annual Business Plan.
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Cr Moorhouse moved:

1. *That the submissions which have been received in respect to the draft 2025–2026 Annual Business Plan, as contained in Attachment A, including the additional submission provided by the St Peters Residents Association at the meeting, be received and noted.*
2. *That the Council notes that a response to the submissions will be provided together with the responses to the submissions which have been provided by citizens and organisations who have made written submissions in respect to the Draft 2025–2026 Annual Business Plan.*

Seconded by Cr Sims and carried unanimously.

13.2 ADOPTION OF THE 2025-2026 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET AND DECLARATION OF RATES FOR 2025-2026

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Finance Officer
GENERAL MANAGER: Chief Executive Officer
CONTACT NUMBER: 8366 4548
FILE REFERENCE:
ATTACHMENTS: A - C

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present to the Council, the Draft 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan, Annual Budget and Rates Policy for consideration and adoption.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Section 123(8) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act), the Council is required to adopt an Annual Business Plan and Budget, after 31 May and before 15 August each year.

Section 123(7) of the Act requires the Council to consider its budget in conjunction with the Council's Annual Business Plan and the Budget can only be adopted after the Council has adopted its Annual Business Plan.

The Draft 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan and Budget was considered by the Council at its Meeting held on 7 April 2025 and endorsed for community consultation at the Council Meeting held on 5 May 2025.

In accordance with Section 123(4) of the Act, community consultation on the Draft 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan was subsequently undertaken for a period of 21 days, commencing on 9 May 2025 and concluding on 30 May 2025. Forty-two (42) written submissions were received, and nineteen (19) people attended a Public Meeting that was held on 26 May 2025 convened for the purpose of receiving verbal submissions on the Draft 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan.

At the Special Council Meeting held on 10 June 2025, the Council formally considered the written submissions that had been received during the community consultation period.

This report presents the Draft 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan and Budget, based on rates modelling that has been undertaken up to 23 June 2025.

A copy of the Draft 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan and Budget is contained within **Attachment A**.

RELEVANT STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS & POLICIES

The Council's Long Term Strategic directions are outlined in the Council's Strategic Management Plan, *City Plan 2030 – Shaping our Future*. The Draft 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan (Draft Plan) and supporting Draft 2025-2026 Budget (Draft Budget), sets out the proposed services and programs and initiatives for the 2025-2026 Financial Year and explains how the Council intends to finance its continuing services, programs and initiatives which are to be undertaken during the year.

The Council's Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP), is a key document in the Council's Planning Framework. It is the primary financial management tool which links the Council's Strategic Plan, *City Plan 2030 – Shaping our Future*, Whole-of-Life Assets Management Plans and the Annual Business Plan and Budget.

The adoption of the Draft 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan and Budget will contribute to the Council achieving its goals and objectives as set out in the suite of Strategic Planning documents set out above.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The Draft Budget has been prepared in line within the Council's Budget Guidelines that were endorsed by the Council on 20 January 2025 and incorporates the '*in principle*' decisions which have been made by the Council at its meetings held on 3 February 2025, 7 April 2025 and 5 May 2025.

The Draft Budget, as presented for consideration in this report, is based on a Rate Revenue increase of 8.5%. With valuation growth, the Rate-in-the-Dollar has decreased by 2.39% and in turn, the average rate increased by 7.78% for all categories of properties.

EXTERNAL ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable.

SOCIAL ISSUES

The *Local Government Act 1999*, provides a number of measures which the Council can use to provide rate relief to eligible ratepayers. Relief options include, automatic rate capping, postponements of rates, remissions and payment plans.

CULTURAL ISSUES

Not Applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Not Applicable.

RESOURCE ISSUES

Not Applicable.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Financial Management and the processes required to prepare the Annual Business Plan are governed by the *Local Government Act 1999* and Regulation 6 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*. The 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan and Budget has been prepared in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements to ensure the legislative provisions of the *Local Government Act 1999* and associated Regulations have been met.

CONSULTATION

- **Elected Members**

Elected Members have been involved throughout the preparation of the Draft 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan and Budget process and have considered the various components of the Draft 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan and Budget at meetings held on 3 February 2025, 7 April 2025, and 5 May 2025 and made 'in principle' decisions as appropriate to arrive at a Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget before it was released for consultation.

- **Audit & Risk Committee**

The Council's Audit & Risk Committee considered the 2025-2026 Draft Budget at its meeting held on 14 April 2025. Mayor Bria and Councillor Piggott are Members of the Council's Audit & Risk Committee.

- **Community**

In line with the requirements of the Act, all ratepayers and citizens had the opportunity to comment on the Draft 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan. Forty (40) written submissions were received and considered by Council at the Special Council Meeting held on 10 June 2025. In addition, nineteen (19) citizens attended the Public Meeting that was held on 26 May 2025.

- **Staff**

The review of Operating Expenditure, Special Projects and the Draft Annual Business Plan process, has been completed with the involvement of the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, Executive Leadership Team and the various Responsible Officers from across the organisation.

- **Other Agencies**

Not Applicable.

DISCUSSION

As detailed in Table 1 below, based on an 8.5% increase in Rate Revenue (as approved *'in principle'* by the Council, at the Special Meeting held on 10 June 2025), the Draft Operating Surplus is estimated to be \$754,356 which is based on a Recurrent Operating Surplus of \$2.074 million and an Operating Deficit relating to Operating Projects of \$1,319,300. It should be noted that the Draft Operating Surplus includes the Council's share of the Net loss from the Regional Subsidiaries (\$262,666) of which it is a Constituent Council but does not include Carry Forward expenditure relating to projects that have been approved in prior financial years and which have yet to be completed once 2024-2025 results are finalised.

It is important to note, funding and budgets for the projects that would be proposed to carry forward were already allocated and accounted for in 2024-2025. Any underspend or unused funds will need to be transferred to the following 2025-2026 financial year in line with revised completion date. While this alignment will create variances to the budgets in each of these years, there is no impact to the overall project budget as Carry Forwards represent time phase reallocations.

The Budget Papers, which are set out in the prescribed format, are contained in **Attachment A – Appendix 3**.

TABLE 1: 2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGETED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Recurrent Budget 2025-2026	Operating Projects 2025-2026	Capital Projects 2025-2026	Proposed Budget 2025-2026
	\$	\$	\$	\$
INCOME				
Rates	51,135,276			51,135,276
Statutory Charges	2,239,311			2,239,311
User Charges	4,370,061			4,370,061
Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	2,653,958			2,653,958
Grants, Subsidies & Contributions - capital	1,050,669			1,050,669
Investment Income	55,000			55,000
Other Income	521,676			521,676
Net Gain - Joint Ventures & Associates				
Total Income	62,025,951			62,025,951
EXPENSES				
Employee Expenses	20,340,052			20,340,052
Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses	22,274,405	1,319,300		23,593,705
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	13,696,916			13,696,916
Finance Costs	3,378,256			3,378,256
Net Loss - Joint Ventures & Associates	262,666			262,666
Total Expenses	59,952,295	1,319,300		61,271,595
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	2,073,656	(1,319,300)		754,356
Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets			36,792	36,792
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets			2,800,000	2,800,000
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	2,073,656	(1,319,300)	2,836,792	3,591,148

Budgeted Capital Projects Including Capital Works

At the Council Meeting held on 5 May 2025, the Council endorsed '*in principle*', the Draft Capital Works Program with a combined value of \$25.967 million excluding the expenditure required to finalise the 2024-2025 Capital Projects which are not anticipated to be completed by 30 June 2025 and staff costs of \$1.109 million which are capitalised and included in the final cost of the asset. The Draft Capital Budget expenditure is offset by Capital Funding which incorporates Grant funding of \$2.8 million, which will result in a net cost to the Council of \$23.167 million which will be funded through borrowings and Rate Revenue.

The funding allocation includes \$12.887 million for the Council's *Whole-of-Life Capital Works Program* as detailed in Table 2 below.

TABLE 2 – WHOLE-OF-LIFE CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

ITEM	EXPENDITURE \$'000
Road Resealing	3,511
Footpath Reconstruction	1,215
Kerbing Reconstruction	1,496
Stormwater Drainage Program	2,100
Building	2,590
Other Infrastructure Asset Renewal	1,976
TOTAL Whole-of Life	12,887

On a full accrual basis, the Capital Expenditure will not affect the Operating Result before Capital Revenues, except through future years' depreciation and financing costs on any associated loan borrowings. Grant income that is received and which relates to Capital Projects will, however, be included as Capital Income within the Budgeted Income Statement after the Operating Surplus/(Deficit) as required by the Model Financial Statements prescribed by the *Local Government Act 1999*.

Borrowings

Proposed capital expenditure of \$25.967 million is proposed to be funded as follows:

- Use of depreciation recovered through rate revenue \$13.996 million
- Grant Funding \$ 2.800 million
- Borrowings \$ 9.171 million

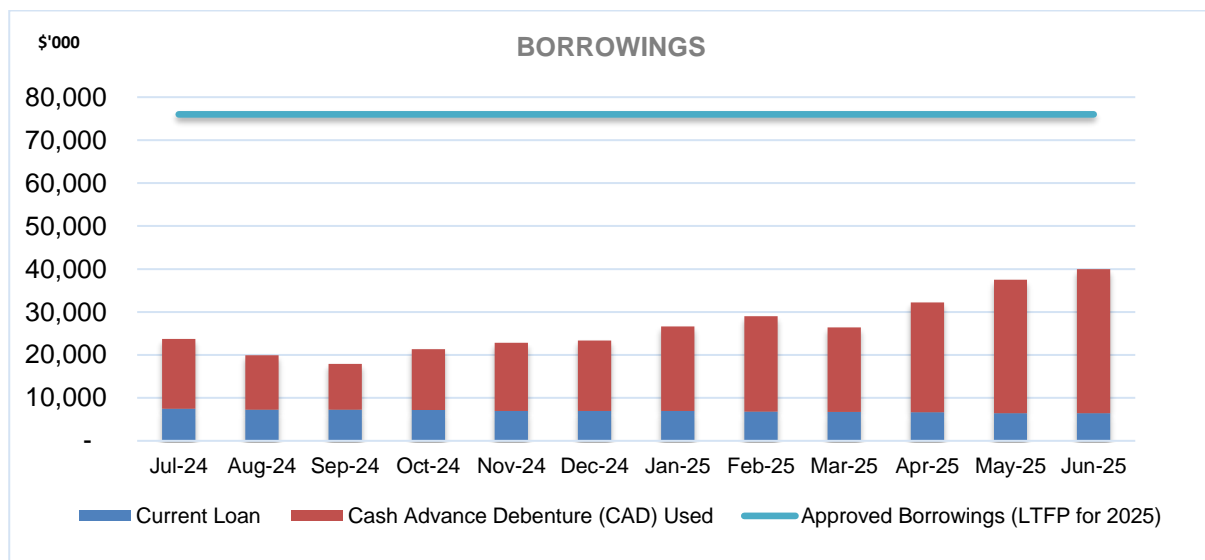
In determining the timing and the level of borrowings that are required to fund the Capital Works Program, consideration has been given to the cash flow requirements and to intergenerational equity between current and future users/ratepayers (that is, an asset is funded from loan borrowings which is paid off over the life of the asset rather than raising rate revenue from current rate payers to pay up front for the asset). Whilst these considerations have formed part of the Council's budget model, these borrowings will be reviewed before the decision is made to lock in borrowings.

Given the nature of the major projects which are proposed to be undertaken, which in some cases will be delivered over a number of financial years, the Council has determined that the use of Cash Advance Debenture Facilities (CAD) will be the most appropriate mechanism to fund the required cashflows throughout the majority of the 2025–2026 financial year. This approach provides flexibility while minimising interest costs and debt servicing obligations in the short term. Notwithstanding this, in light of current market movements indicating the potential for further reductions in interest rates, the financial strategy reflected in the Draft 2025-2026 Budget includes the planned conversion of \$45 million into fixed interest rate borrowings when market conditions become favourable. This conversion is intended to secure long-term certainty as well as savings in interest costs. Staff will continue to monitor financial markets and borrowing requirements to ensure that funding strategies remain aligned with the Council's evolving financial position, market conditions and strategic priorities. The Council will consider a structured approach to new borrowings (conversion) by assessing the optimal mix between short-term and long-term debt, including the length of the borrowing period. Such strategy aims to reduce financial pressure on ratepayers not only in the immediate years but across the full span of the Long-Term Financial Plan. Borrowing arrangements will be adjusted as needed to optimise financial outcomes and effectively manage financial risks.

It is important to note that as part of the Budget process Council recommends an additional borrowings to be able to complete all Capital projects with an assumption that projects delivery will occur in accordance with the set schedule. As stated earlier, Cash Advance Debenture Facility (CAD) is the most appropriate mechanism to fund at the initial stage. This means that while CAD has been approved for the recommended amount, it would only be drawn when required. This provides flexibility to manage borrowings in cases of projects delays or changes to its delivery milestones.

The Graph 1 below, demonstrates 2024-2025 Actual Borrowings (funds drawn from the facility) against Projected Borrowings for the same year (2024-2025) as per the Long-Term Financial Plan.

GRAPH 1: APPROVED FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR 2024-2025 VS. ACTUAL BORROWINGS IN 2024-2025



As detailed in the Budgeted Cash Flow Statement (**Attachment A - Appendix 3**), the closing cash balance is projected to be \$500,000 at the end of the 2025-2026 financial year.

Long Term Financial Plan and Asset Management Plan Update

As part of Council's commitment to sound financial governance, an annual review of the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) and Asset Management Plan as contained in **Attachment A – Appendix 7 & 8**, has been undertaken in accordance with legislative recommendations and Council's strategic financial management framework. The review incorporates the following:

- 2023-2024 Actual Financial results for 2023-2024;
- 2024-2025 Third Budget Review;
- revised assumptions for Capital and Operational expenditure (mainly construction timing alignment with most recent information available for the major projects such as Trinity Valley, The Parade Masterplan, George Street Upgrade Project);
- amendment of the Operational Model for the Payneham Memorial Swimming Centre from 'in-house' to Operations Management by an External party;
- interest rate forecast;
- update for any additional services/programs/initiatives as approved by Council during 2024-2025; and
- Asset Renewal Program that incorporates revised asset valuations (in line with the Council's Asset Management Plan)

This ensures the LTFP remains responsive to the current economic environment and continues to guide sustainable decision-making. The updated projections confirm that the Council remains financially sustainable over the forecast period, with a number of strategies already in place as well as development of new strategies to manage cost pressures, maintain service delivery, and support key infrastructure investments.

Fees and Charges

At the Council Meeting held on 3 February 2025, the Council adopted "*in-principle*" the draft Fees & Charges to be applied for 2025-2026.

A copy of the contained 2025-2026 Schedule of Fees and Charges in **Attachment B**.

No changes are proposed to the Draft 2025-2026 Fees & Charges Schedule, however the Council can choose to review these fees and charges.

Rates Modelling

The rate modelling information which formed part of the Draft 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan and Budget which was placed on public consultation, was based on property valuations as at 28 April 2025. Final valuations as at 21 June 2025, are now available and these valuations will now be used. The Rating Strategy, as summarised in Table 3 below, is based on a Rate Revenue increase of 8.5%.

TABLE 3: RATING STRATEGY – RATE REVENUE IMPACTS

	2024-2025	2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026
Proposed Rate Revenue Increase	8.50%	7.00%	7.50%	8.00%	8.50%
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Gross General Rate Revenue	\$46,589	\$49,851	\$50,085	\$50,316	\$50,548
Net Increase on Previous Year	\$3,650	\$3,261	\$3,495	\$3,727	\$3,959
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) after rate revenue increases	\$229	\$55	\$289	\$521	\$754
Residential Rate					
Rate Payable per Average Residential Property	\$2,044	\$2,205	\$2,215	\$2,226	\$2,236
Average Rate Difference	\$149	\$161	\$171	\$182	\$192
Increase from previous year	7.01%	7.88%	8.39%	8.89%	9.39%
Rate-in-the-Dollar	0.0018746	0.0018047	0.001813	0.0018215	0.0018297
Increase/(Decrease) from previous year	2.52%	-3.73%	-3.29%	-2.83%	-2.39%
Commercial Rate					
Rate payable per Average Commercial Property	\$3,430	\$3,412	\$3,427	\$3,443	\$3,459
Average Rate Difference	\$267	-\$19	-\$3	\$13	\$29
Increase/(Decrease) from previous year	7.21%	-0.54%	-0.10%	0.37%	0.85%
Rate-in-the-Dollar	0.0022495	0.00216564	0.0021756	0.0021858	0.0021956
Increase/(Decrease) from previous year	2.52%	-3.73%	-3.29%	-2.83%	-2.39%
Minimum Rate	\$1,277	\$1,366	\$1,373	\$1,379	\$1,386
Percentage of Assessment on Minimum Rate	32.82%	31.94%	31.94%	31.94%	31.94%

In respect to the impacts of the various options as set out in Table 3, it is important to note that a reduction in Rate Revenue (below Rates Revenue presented in the Long-Term Financial Plan), would negatively impact the Council's ongoing financial sustainability. Although the Draft 2025-2026 Budget is currently positioned to be in surplus, a reduction in Rate Revenue for 2025-2026 would, all things being equal, result in a deficit position in the 2026-2027 Budget year and have cumulative effect of the lower revenue base established in 2025-2026 for the future years. Reduction in Rate Revenue in 2025-2026 would compound this position, further increasing the Net Financial Liabilities Ratio (NFLR) due to the cumulative effect of lower revenue, thereby placing pressure on the Council's ability to fund services, maintain assets and meet long-term financial objectives.

For the 2025-2026 financial year, the “average residential property” has a value of \$1,150,455, compared to the 2024-2025 “average residential property” value of \$1,020,048. For the 2025-2026 financial year, the Capital Value of the “average residential property” has increased by 14.05% (as determined by the SA Valuer-General). Table 4 sets out the details of the impact of the rates modelling on the rates payable across the residential ratepayers.

TABLE 4: RATES PAYABLE FOR RESIDENTIAL LAND USE

	Residential Properties	
Change in Rates Payable	Number	%
Reduction or remain unchanged	119	0.7%
Increase greater than 0% and less than 8%	2,464	13.6%
Increase greater than 8% and less than 10%	10,746	59.5%
Increase greater than 10% and less than 15%	3,730	20.6%
15% increase or greater (<i>eligible for Rate Capping</i>)	461	2.6%
Increase greater than 15% (<i>ineligible for Rate Capping</i>)	554	3.1%
Total	18,074	100%
Value of Rates Payable		
\$0 to \$1,500*	6,766	37.4%
\$1,500 to \$2,000	3,414	18.9%
\$2,000 to \$3,000	4,729	26.2%
\$3,000 to \$5,000	2,606	14.4%
over \$5,000	559	3.1%
Total	18,074	100%

* Includes 6,613 (or 31.94 % of total Residential properties) properties on minimum rate of \$1,386

REGIONAL LANDSCAPES LEVY (formally known as the NRM Levy)

For 2025-2026, the Council will be required to collect \$1.607 million on behalf of *Green Adelaide* for the payment of the State Government Regional Landscape Levy. In this respect, Local Government acts as the revenue collector for the *Green Adelaide Board* (the Board) and the eight (8) Regional Landscape Boards and as such, the Council does not retain this revenue. The property owners within the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters will contribute 4.6% of the total quantum of the Levy which is collected on behalf of the Board for 2025-2026 Financial year.

Councils can also charge the Regional Landscape Boards for the administrative cost associated with collecting the Regional Landscape Levy. For 2025-2026, the fee has been calculated using a fixed fee of \$3,114 plus \$0.31 per rateable assessment. The proposed collection fee, which has been incorporated within the draft Budget, for this Council is \$10,000.

Draft 2025-2026 Rating Policy

As part of its Annual Business Plans, Councils are required to adopt a Rating Policy, which formally documents the Council's Rating Strategy. The Draft 2025-2026 Rating Policy (based on a rate revenue increase of 8.5%), which has been updated to include the proposed rate-in-the-dollar is contained in **Attachment A – Appendix 5**.

For 2025-2026, the Capital Value has increased (as advised by the Valuer-General) across the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters by 11.9%. Table 5 details the Capital Value movements by land use for all property classes within the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters.

TABLE 5: VALUATION INCREASE FROM 2024-2025 BY LAND USE

Land Use	2024-2025 Capital Value \$'000	2025-2026 Capital Value \$'000	Valuation Increase	% Increase
Residential	18,232,335	20,793,329	2,560,993	14.0%
Commercial	3,317,687	3,404,383	86,695	2.6%
Industrial	169,597	184,001	14,405	8.5%
Vacant Land	185,297	179,053	-6,244	-3.4%
Other	496,712	505,799	9,087	1.8%
Primary Production	1,008	1,008	0	0.0%
Total Rateable	22,402,636	25,067,572	2,664,936	11.9%
Non-Rateable	442,308	490,119	47,811	10.8%
Total	22,844,944	25,557,691	2,712,747	11.9%

Pursuant to Regulation 6(1)(ec) of the *Local Government (Financial Management Regulations) 2011*, the Council is now required to express the increase in rate revenue for each land use, as the average change in the expected rates for the financial year (expressed as a whole number of dollars) for each land use category declared, compared to the expected rates for each category for the previous financial year. This is expressed as the Average Rate and is calculated by dividing the total rate revenue by the number of assessments. Table 6 below details the Average Rate (based on a Rate Revenue increase of 8.5%) and the change for each land use category compared to the 2024-2025 financial year.

TABLE 6: AVERAGE RATE BY TOTAL LAND USE

Land Use	Average Rate	Increase	% Change
Residential	2,236	192	9.4%
Commercial	3,459	29	0.8%
Industrial	2,968	148	5.2%
Vacant Land	2,465	255	11.6%
Other	4,739	5	0.1%
Primary Production	2,212	-54	-2.4%
Total Rateable	2,386	172	7.8%

Budget Submissions

As Elected Members will recall, the Council has received forty-two (42) submissions in response to the consultation process that was conducted on the Draft 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan and Budget. In addition, nineteen (19) citizens attended the Public Meeting that was held on 26 May 2025.

The majority of citizens and organisations that made a submission, expressed concerns about the increase in Rate Revenue and the consequent impact of this on the Average Rate increase.

At the time the Draft 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan and Budget was released for consultation, the proposed Rate Revenue increase of 8.5%, translated to an increase in the Average Rate of 9.49% (or \$194 per annum). This comprised of a Property Valuation increase of 13.41% and a Rate-in-the-dollar decrease of 2.05%. In respect to Commercial properties, this translated to an increase of 0.91% (or \$31 per annum) comprising of a Property Valuation increase of 2.04% and a Rate-in-the-dollar decrease of 2.05%.

As set out in this report, based on a Rate Revenue increase of 8.5% and based on the updated property valuations provided by the SA Valuer-General (as at 21 June 2025), the value of the average residential property is now \$1,150,455 (compared to \$1,020,048 in 2024-2025). On the basis of an increase in Rate Revenue of 8.5%, the Average Residential Rate increase is 9.39% and the Average Commercial Rate is 0.85%.

To assist the Council in determining the final increase in Rate Revenue, a comparison of rates (both Residential and Commercial) of the Cities of Burnside, Unley, Prospect, Campbelltown and Walkerville is set out in **Attachment C**. For comparison purposes, the ERA Councils provide the most appropriate comparisons given the type and value of properties.

The information contained in **Attachment C**, demonstrates that for over the last 3 financial years, this Council's average Rate of \$2,044 as at 2024-2025, compared favourably with the other benchmarked Councils.

Information on the Tables data for 2025-2026 is currently being compiled and will be available at the Council meeting on Monday – noting that not all Councils have adopted their budgets at the time of preparing this report.

In respect to rates generally, it should be also noted that at its meeting held on 10 June 2025, the Council resolved to request a report on the strategies available to the Council to reduce the following elements of the Long-Term Financial Plan, namely:

- the anticipated level of residential rates; and
- the level of the Net Financial Liabilities Ratio.

As such, insofar as rates are concerned, based on the data that is collected so far, it is clear that a Rating Strategy to address the distribution of rates between the Residential and Commercial Rates should be a priority for the Council to address during 2025-2026.

OPTIONS

The Council has a number of options in respect to progressing its adoption of the Draft 2025-2026 Budget. For the purposes of simplicity, the following options are put forward for the Council's consideration:

1. Adopt the Draft 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan and Budget, which plans to deliver an Operating Surplus of \$754,356 and an overall Net Surplus (including Capital Income) of \$3.591 million, as contained in **Attachment A**, which:
 - is in line with the components which have been adopted '*in principle*' by the Council at its Meetings held on 3 February 2025, 7 April 2025 and 5 May 2025;
 - incorporates the adjustments approved '*in principle*' at those meetings; and
 - is based on a Rate Revenue increase of 8.5%.
2. Amend the Draft 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan and Budget by either:
 - increasing or decreasing rate revenue; and/or
 - amending the Capital works or Operating Projects expenditure; and/or
 - amending the Recurrent Income and Expenditure Budget.

The Council is required to adopt a budget which it believes is fair and reasonable, while also positioning the Council to achieve and maintain on-going financial sustainability. For the purposes of the recommendation, Option 1 is recommended, as this option maintains existing, services, programs and activities and is recommended to ensure that the Council can continue to deliver on its financial goal now and into the future and is consistent with the decisions made to date by the Council.

CONCLUSION

Through the adoption of the *Long-term Financial Plan*, the Council already has and continue evolve a clear strategy of achieving financial sustainability. Financial sustainability means having a financial position capable of meeting long term service and infrastructure levels and standards, which are acceptable to the community plus having the financial capacity to meet its financial obligations from cash generated from operations or cash reserves.

The Draft 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan and Budget, as contained in **Attachment A**, aims to ensure that the Council's emerging and continuing priorities in response to community needs and expectations are appropriately funded.

COMMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That in exercise of the powers contained in the *Local Government Act 1999* and Regulation 6 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and in respect to the Financial Year ending 30 June 2026, the following recommendations be adopted by the Council.

1. Adoption of 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan

- (a) Pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 123 of the *Local Government Act 1999* and Regulation 6 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*, and having considered all submissions received in accordance with Section 123 (6) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Annual Business Plan for the 2025-2026 Financial Year, as contained within **Attachment A** and the Council's Rating Policy as contained in **Attachment A – Appendix 5**, be adopted.
- (b) That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make any required editorial changes to the 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan as contained within **Attachment A** prior to the final publication.

2. Adoption of 2025-2026 Annual Budget

That having adopted the 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan and having considered the Budget for the 2025-2026 Financial Year in conjunction with, and determined it to be consistent with, the 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan:

Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 123 of the *Local Government Act 1999* and Regulation 7 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*:

- (a) the Budgeted Income Statement, Budgeted Balance Sheet, Budgeted Cash Flow Statement, the Budgeted Statement of Changes in Equity as contained within **Attachment A – Appendix 3**, be adopted;
- (b) the statement regarding the Operating Surplus Position contained within **Attachment A – Appendix 3**, be adopted;
- (c) the Uniform Presentation of Finances as contained within **Attachment A – Appendix 3**, be adopted; and
- (d) the Financial Indicators as contained within **Attachment A – Appendix 3**, be adopted.

3. Adoption of Valuation

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 167(2) (a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council adopts, for rating purposes, the Valuer-General's Valuation of Capital Values applicable to land within the area of the Council for the 2025-2026 Financial Year totalling \$25,557,690,720 - (an increase of 11.9%) and that 1 July 2025, is specified as the date on which such valuations are adopted.

4. Rate Capping

That pursuant to Section 153(3) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council determines to fix a maximum increase on rateable land within its area that constitutes the principal place of residence of a principal rate payer for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2026. For 2025-2026, the maximum increase will be set at 17%.

5. Declaration of Rates

Having taken into account the general principles of rating contained in Section 150 of the *Local Government Act, 1999* and the requirements of Section 153 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, in exercise of the powers in Section 153(1)(b) and pursuant to Section 156(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council declares differential general rates, based on the Capital Value of rateable land, such differential rates varying according to the use of the land as designated in Regulation 14(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2013*, for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2026, as follows:

Residential	0.18297 cents-in-the-dollar
Commercial – Shop	0.21956 cents-in-the-dollar
Commercial – Office	0.21956 cents-in-the-dollar
Commercial – Other	0.21956 cents-in-the-dollar
Industry – Light	0.21956 cents-in-the-dollar
Industry – Other	0.21956 cents-in-the-dollar
Primary Production	0.21956 cents-in-the-dollar
Vacant Land	0.21956 cents-in-the-dollar
Other	0.21956 cents-in-the-dollar

6. Minimum Rate

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 158(1) (a) of the *Local Government Act 1999* and in accordance with the provisions of Section 158 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council fixes \$1,386 as the minimum amount payable by way of general rates for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2026.

7. Separate Rate

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 154(1) of the *Local Government Act 1999* and Section 69 of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*, in order to reimburse to the Council the amount contributed to The Green Adelaide Board, the Council declares a separate rate based on the value of the land the subject of the rate of 0.006541 cents-in-the-dollar on the Capital Value of rateable property within the area of the Council and of the Board for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2026.

8. The Parade Precinct Development Separate Rate

For the Financial Year ending 30 June 2026, pursuant to the provisions of Section 154 of the *Local Government Act 1999* and Regulation 14 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2013*, in order to support and improve business viability, profitability, trade and commerce, being an activity that is intended to be of particular benefit to the land in that part of the Council's area comprising the following geographical boundary:

- Urban Corridor (Main Street) Zone surrounding The Parade, Norwood between Portrush Road to the east and Osmond Terrace to the west
- Suburban Main Street surrounding The Parade, Norwood between Osmond Terrace to the east and Eastry Street to the west
- Suburban Business on The Parade, Norwood between Elizabeth Street to the east
- Business Neighbourhood Zone between Harris Street, Norwood and Webbe Street, Norwood
- Business Neighbourhood Zone on The Parade Norwood between Eastry Street to the east and Fullarton Road to the west.

where such zones are identified in the SA Property and Planning Atlas:

- *the Council declares pursuant to sections 154(7) and 156(1)(a) of the Act a differential separate rate of 0.04235 cents-in-the-dollar on the Capital Value of all land classified as Category 2 – Commercial Shop, Category 3 – Commercial Office Category 4 – Commercial Other and Category 5 - Industrial Light.*
- *the Council grants a discretionary rebate of 50% of The Parade Precinct Development Separate Rate under Section 166(1) (a) of the Local Government Act 1999, to all properties that fall within the geographical boundary described above and which have a land use of Category 3 – Commercial Office.*

9. Payment of Rates

Pursuant to Section 181 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, all rates, for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2026, shall be payable in four (4) equal or approximately equal instalments, falling due on 5 September 2025, 5 December 2025, 6 March 2026 and 5 June 2026 provided that in cases where the account requiring payment of rates is not sent out at least 30 days prior to the due date for payment, the authority to fix the date by which rates must be paid in respect to those assessments, be determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

10. Loan Borrowings

- (a) That the Council endorses '*in principle*' Loan Borrowings for the 2025-2026 Financial Year up to a maximum of \$9.171 million in addition to the existing borrowings and Cash Advance Facilities for the purposes of funding Capital Expenditure.
- (b) The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to negotiate the most beneficial financial terms for the Council with a lending authority after obtaining competitive written quotes at a time considered appropriate by management and arrange the drawdown of the loan.
- (c) The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to sign all documentation associated with the Loan Borrowings referred to in (a) and (b) above. Further, where any such documentation is executed under seal that in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer will attend to the affixation of the common seal.

11. Fees & Charges

Pursuant to Section 188 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2025-2026 Financial Year detailed in **Attachment B** be adopted.

Cr Sims moved:

That in exercise of the powers contained in the Local Government Act 1999 and Regulation 6 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and in respect to the Financial Year ending 30 June 2026, the following recommendations be adopted by the Council.

1. Adoption of 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan

- (a) *Pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1999 and Regulation 6 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and having considered all of the submissions that have been received in accordance with Section 123 (6) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Annual Business Plan for the 2025-2026 Financial Year, as contained within **Attachment A** and the Council's Rating Policy as contained in **Attachment A – Appendix 5**, be adopted.*
- (b) *That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make any required editorial changes to the 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan as contained within **Attachment A** prior to the final publication.*

2. Adoption of 2025-2026 Annual Budget

That having adopted the 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan and having considered the Budget for the 2025-2026 Financial Year in conjunction with, and determined it to be consistent with, the 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan:

Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1999 and Regulation 7 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011:

- (a) the Budgeted Income Statement, Budgeted Balance Sheet, Budgeted Cash Flow Statement, the Budgeted Statement of Changes in Equity as contained within **Attachment A – Appendix 3**, be adopted;*
- (b) the statement regarding the Operating Surplus Position contained within **Attachment A – Appendix 3**, be adopted;*
- (c) the Uniform Presentation of Finances as contained within **Attachment A – Appendix 3**, be adopted; and*
- (d) the Financial Indicators as contained within **Attachment A – Appendix 3**, be adopted.*

3. Adoption of Valuation

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 167(2) (a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council adopts, for rating purposes, the Valuer-General's Valuation of Capital Values applicable to land within the area of the Council for the 2025-2026 Financial Year totalling \$25,557,690,720 - (an increase of 11.9%) and that 1 July 2025, is specified as the date on which such valuations are adopted.

4. Rate Capping

That pursuant to Section 153(3) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council determines to fix a maximum increase on rateable land within its area that constitutes the principal place of residence of a principal rate payer for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2026. For 2025-2026, the maximum increase will be set at 17%.

5. Declaration of Rates

Having taken into account the general principles of rating contained in Section 150 of the Local Government Act, 1999 and the requirements of Section 153 (2) of the Local Government Act 1999, in exercise of the powers in Section 153(1)(b) and pursuant to Section 156(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council declares differential general rates, based on the Capital Value of rateable land, such differential rates varying according to the use of the land as designated in Regulation 14(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013, for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2026, as follows:

<i>Residential</i>	<i>0.18297 cents-in-the-dollar</i>
<i>Commercial – Shop</i>	<i>0.21956 cents-in-the-dollar</i>
<i>Commercial – Office</i>	<i>0.21956 cents-in-the-dollar</i>
<i>Commercial – Other</i>	<i>0.21956 cents-in-the-dollar</i>
<i>Industry – Light</i>	<i>0.21956 cents-in-the-dollar</i>
<i>Industry – Other</i>	<i>0.21956 cents-in-the-dollar</i>
<i>Primary Production</i>	<i>0.21956 cents-in-the-dollar</i>
<i>Vacant Land</i>	<i>0.21956 cents-in-the-dollar</i>
<i>Other</i>	<i>0.21956 cents-in-the-dollar</i>

6. Minimum Rate

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 158(1) (a) of the Local Government Act 1999 and in accordance with the provisions of Section 158 (2) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council fixes \$1,386 as the minimum amount payable by way of general rates for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2026.

7. Separate Rate

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 154(1) of the Local Government Act 1999 and Section 69 of the Landscape South Australia Act 2019, in order to reimburse to the Council the amount contributed to The Green Adelaide Board, the Council declares a separate rate based on the value of the land the subject of the rate of 0.006541 cents-in-the-dollar on the Capital Value of rateable property within the area of the Council and of the Board for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2026.

8. The Parade Precinct Development Separate Rate

For the Financial Year ending 30 June 2026, pursuant to the provisions of Section 154 of the Local Government Act 1999 and Regulation 14 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013, in order to support and improve business viability, profitability, trade and commerce, being an activity that is intended to be of particular benefit to the land in that part of the Council's area comprising the following geographical boundary:

- Urban Corridor (Main Street) Zone surrounding The Parade, Norwood between Portrush Road to the east and Osmond Terrace to the west*
- Suburban Main Street surrounding The Parade, Norwood between Osmond Terrace to the east and Eastry Street to the west*
- Suburban Business on The Parade, Norwood between Elizabeth Street to the east*
- Business Neighbourhood Zone between Harris Street, Norwood and Webbe Street, Norwood*
- Business Neighbourhood Zone on The Parade Norwood between Eastry Street to the east and Fullarton Road to the west.*

where such zones are identified in the SA Property and Planning Atlas:

- the Council declares pursuant to sections 154(7) and 156(1)(a) of the Act a differential separate rate of 0.04235 cents-in-the-dollar on the Capital Value of all land classified as Category 2 – Commercial Shop, Category 3 – Commercial Office Category 4 – Commercial Other and Category 5 - Industrial Light.*
- the Council grants a discretionary rebate of 50% of The Parade Precinct Development Separate Rate under Section 166(1) (a) of the Local Government Act 1999, to all properties that fall within the geographical boundary described above and which have a land use of Category 3 – Commercial Office.*

9. Payment of Rates

Pursuant to Section 181 of the Local Government Act 1999, all rates, for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2026, shall be payable in four (4) equal or approximately equal instalments, falling due on 5 September 2025, 5 December 2025, 6 March 2026 and 5 June 2026 provided that in cases where the account requiring payment of rates is not sent out at least 30 days prior to the due date for payment, the authority to fix the date by which rates must be paid in respect to those assessments, be determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

10. Loan Borrowings

- (a) That the Council endorses 'in principle' Loan Borrowings for the 2025-2026 Financial Year up to a maximum of \$9.171 million in addition to the existing borrowings and Cash Advance Facilities for the purposes of funding Capital Expenditure.*
- (b) The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to negotiate the most beneficial financial terms for the Council with a lending authority after obtaining competitive written quotes at a time considered appropriate by management and arrange the drawdown of the loan.*
- (c) The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to sign all documentation associated with the Loan Borrowings referred to in (a) and (b) above. Further, where any such documentation is executed under seal that in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer will attend to the affixation of the common seal.*

11. Fees & Charges

Pursuant to Section 188 (1) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2025-2026 Financial Year detailed in **Attachment B** be adopted.

Seconded by Cr McFarlane.

Amendment

Cr Mex moved:

1. Adoption of 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan

- (a) Pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1999 and Regulation 6 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011, and having considered all of the submissions that have been received in accordance with Section 123 (6) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Annual Business Plan for the 2025-2026 Financial Year, as contained in Attachment A and the Council's Rating Policy, as contained in Attachment A – Appendix B, as amended with an 8% increase in Rate Revenue, be adopted.
- (b) That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make any required editorial changes to the 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan as contained within **Attachment A** prior to the final publication.

2. Adoption of 2025-2026 Annual Budget

That having adopted the 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan and having considered the Budget for the 2025-2026 Financial Year in conjunction with, and determined it to be consistent with, the 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan:

Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1999 and Regulation 7 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011:

- (a) the Budgeted Income Statement, Budgeted Balance Sheet, Budgeted Cash Flow Statement, the Budgeted Statement of Changes in Equity as contained within **Attachment A – Appendix 3**, be adopted;
- (b) the statement regarding the Operating Surplus Position contained within **Attachment A – Appendix 3**, be adopted;
- (c) the Uniform Presentation of Finances as contained within **Attachment A – Appendix 3**, be adopted; and
- (d) the Financial Indicators as contained within **Attachment A – Appendix 3**, be adopted.

3. Adoption of Valuation

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 167(2) (a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council adopts, for rating purposes, the Valuer-General's Valuation of Capital Values applicable to land within the area of the Council for the 2025-2026 Financial Year totalling \$25,557,690,720 - (an increase of 11.9%) and that 1 July 2025, is specified as the date on which such valuations are adopted.

4. Rate Capping

That pursuant to Section 153(3) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council determines to fix a maximum increase on rateable land within its area that constitutes the principal place of residence of a principal rate payer for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2026. For 2025-2026, the maximum increase will be set at 16%.

5. Declaration of Rates

Having taken into account the general principles of rating contained in Section 150 of the Local Government Act, 1999 and the requirements of Section 153 (2) of the Local Government Act 1999, in exercise of the powers in Section 153(1)(b) and pursuant to Section 156(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council declares differential general rates, based on the Capital Value of rateable land, such differential rates varying according to the use of the land as designated in Regulation 14(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013, for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2026, as follows:

Residential	0.18215 cents-in-the-dollar
Commercial – Shop	0.21858 cents-in-the-dollar
Commercial – Office	0.21858 cents-in-the-dollar
Commercial – Other	0.21858 cents-in-the-dollar
Industry – Light	0.21858 cents-in-the-dollar
Industry – Other	0.21858 cents-in-the-dollar
Primary Production	0.21858 cents-in-the-dollar
Vacant Land	0.21858 cents-in-the-dollar
Other	0.21858 cents-in-the-dollar

6. Minimum Rate

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 158(1) (a) of the Local Government Act 1999 and in accordance with the provisions of Section 158 (2) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council fixes \$1,379 as the minimum amount payable by way of general rates for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2026.

7. Separate Rate

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 154(1) of the Local Government Act 1999 and Section 69 of the Landscape South Australia Act 2019, in order to reimburse to the Council the amount contributed to The Green Adelaide Board, the Council declares a separate rate based on the value of the land the subject of the rate of 0.006541 cents-in-the-dollar on the Capital Value of rateable property within the area of the Council and of the Board for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2026.

8. The Parade Precinct Development Separate Rate

For the Financial Year ending 30 June 2026, pursuant to the provisions of Section 154 of the Local Government Act 1999 and Regulation 14 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013, in order to support and improve business viability, profitability, trade and commerce, being an activity that is intended to be of particular benefit to the land in that part of the Council's area comprising the following geographical boundary:

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- Business Neighbourhood Zone on The Parade Norwood between Eastry Street to the east and Fullarton Road to the west.

where such zones are identified in the SA Property and Planning Atlas:

- the Council declares pursuant to sections 154(7) and 156(1)(a) of the Act a differential separate rate of 0.04235 cents-in-the-dollar on the Capital Value of all land classified as Category 2 – Commercial Shop, Category 3 – Commercial Office Category 4 – Commercial Other and Category 5 - Industrial Light.
- the Council grants a discretionary rebate of 50% of The Parade Precinct Development Separate Rate under Section 166(1) (a) of the Local Government Act 1999, to all properties that fall within the geographical boundary described above and which have a land use of Category 3 – Commercial Office.

9. Payment of Rates

Pursuant to Section 181 of the Local Government Act 1999, all rates, for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2026, shall be payable in four (4) equal or approximately equal instalments, falling due on 5 September 2025, 5 December 2025, 6 March 2026 and 5 June 2026 provided that in cases where the account requiring payment of rates is not sent out at least 30 days prior to the due date for payment, the authority to fix the date by which rates must be paid in respect to those assessments, be determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

10. Loan Borrowings

- (a) That the Council endorses 'in principle' Loan Borrowings for the 2025-2026 Financial Year up to a maximum of \$9.171 million in addition to the existing borrowings and Cash Advance Facilities for the purposes of funding Capital Expenditure.*
- (b) The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to negotiate the most beneficial financial terms for the Council with a lending authority after obtaining competitive written quotes at a time considered appropriate by management and arrange the drawdown of the loan.*
- (c) The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to sign all documentation associated with the Loan Borrowings referred to in (a) and (b) above. Further, where any such documentation is executed under seal that in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer will attend to the affixation of the common seal.*

11. Fees & Charges

*Pursuant to Section 188 (1) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2025-2026 Financial Year detailed in **Attachment B** be adopted.*

Seconded by Cr Moorhouse.

The amendment was put and lost.

The original motion was put and carried.

Division

Cr Mex called for a division and the decision was set aside.

Those in favour:

Cr Piggott, Cr Whittington, Cr Holfeld, Cr Duke, Cr Robinson, Cr Sims, Cr Granozio and Cr McFarlane.

Those against:

Cr Knoblauch, Cr Mex and Cr Moorhouse.

The Mayor declared the original motion carried.

13.3 REPLACEMENT OF PUBLIC ARTWORKS AT LINDE RESERVE

REPORT AUTHOR:	General Manager, Governance & Civic Affairs
GENERAL MANAGER:	Chief Executive Officer
CONTACT NUMBER:	8366 4549
FILE REFERENCE:	qA61370
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Council regarding the replacement of the Council owned public artworks which were installed at Linde Reserve, Stepney.

BACKGROUND

In March 2025, the Council was advised that in October 2024, the first of a series of thefts of Council owned public artwork installed in Linde Reserve, Stepney, took place.

In addition, in October 2024, the artwork which is located at the Old Mill, Reserve, Hackney, *Seed Mix*, was also vandalised – metal of value (ie copper) was removed from the artwork.

These incidents were reported to the South Australia Police (SAPOL) and a claim for the loss and/or damage has been lodged with the Council's insurers.

In respect to the artwork, *Seed Mix*, the cost to repair the damage to the *Parrot Gumnut* is \$9056. The costs to repair the artwork have been approved by the Council's insurers (less the excess amount of \$1,000) and the repairs to the artwork have subsequently been approved and are progressing.

The Council was also advised that staff had worked with the artist to consider an alternative material to prevent future theft/vandalism to the artwork. On this basis it was agreed that the artist would remove the remaining copper elements from the artwork and replace the copper cladding with a textured stainless steel with an applied finish which will provide a patina effect.

As the replacement of the remaining copper on the artwork was additional work not included as part of the insurance claim, the Council allocated an additional \$13,507, as part of the 2024-2025 Budget for this work.

In respect to the artworks situated at Linde Reserve, the claim with the Council's Insurers has now been settled, however the value of the claim is significantly less than the costs which have been provided by the artist to replace the artwork.

RELEVANT STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS & POLICIES

The relevant Goals contained in *CityPlan 2030* are:

Outcome 2: Cultural Vitality

Objectives 2.1 An artistic, creative, cultural and visually interesting City.

Strategy 2.1.1 Use the arts to enliven public spaces and create a 'sense of place'.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications of this matter are discussed in the Discussion Section of this report.

EXTERNAL ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable.

SOCIAL ISSUES

It is generally accepted that public art attracts the community to our public spaces as public art is recognised for its ability to enhance perceptions of community well-being and 'sense of place' and is inextricably linked to the culture of a City.

CULTURAL ISSUES

Public art helps create a sense of place and can help express and celebrate issues relevant to a variety of cultural groups and can enhance the unique character of the City.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Not Applicable.

RESOURCE ISSUES

Not Applicable.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Not Applicable.

CONSULTATION

- **Elected Members**
Elected Members were formally advised of this matter at the Council Meeting held on 5 March 2025.
- **Community**
Not Applicable.
- **Staff**
Chief Financial Officer.
- **Other Agencies**
Not Applicable.

DISCUSSION

As part of the Master Plan for the Dunstone Grove/Linde Reserve Project, the Council resolved that the 19th century German heritage of the precinct would be appropriately recognised by the installation of public artwork in the Reserve.

The intent of the artwork was to:

- *embrace the concepts of arrival in a new country and the process of settlement; and*
- *celebrate the 19th Century German migration to and settlement in Stepney.*

Liquid Metal Studios was commissioned to create and install the artwork, which comprises a bronze sculpture of a mother and baby and a young boy. The artwork was installed and launched as part of the official opening of the reserve in 2011. In 2012, Liquid Metal Studios were commissioned to incorporate a small bronze trunk as part of the artwork to enhance the story of "migration".

In addition to this artwork, Liquid Metal Studios were commissioned by the Council to create several other artworks for Linde Reserve, which included:

- spider;
- owl pole;
- waterbirds;
- tree spirits;
- cat;
- wolf; and
- turning fork (gifted to the Council by the artist).

Table 1 below sets out the artworks that have been stolen from Linde Reserve and the insurance value of each artwork.

TABLE 1: INSURANCE VALUE OF ARTWORKS STOLEN FROM LINDE RESERVE

Artwork	Insurance Value	Total Settled Claim
German Migration Artwork	\$110, 768.00 (less excess)	\$109,768.00
Waterbirds	\$ 55,000.00 (less excess)	\$ 54,000.00
Owl Pole	\$ 38,646.00 (less excess)	\$ 37,646.00
Tuning Fork	\$ 23,138.00 (less excess)	\$ 22,138.00
TOTAL		\$223,552.00

Each claim incurs an excess fee of \$1000.

In March 2025, a formal quotation to replace the artworks was provided to the Council's Insurers by the original artist.

As stated previously the insurance claim has now been settled by the Council's Insurers however the value of the claim is significantly less than the costs which have been provided by the artist to replace the artwork. The details of the costs to replace the artworks are set out in Table 2.

TABLE 2: COSTS TO REPLACE THE ARTWORKS

Artwork	Quoted Costs to Replace the Artworks
German Migration Artwork	\$160,000.00
Waterbirds	\$137,000.00
Owl Pole	\$ 86,000.00
Tuning Fork	\$ 56,000.00
TOTAL	\$439,000.00

As set out in Tables 1 and 2 above the costs to replace the artworks (\$439,000) are significantly higher than the settled claim (\$223,552).

In addition, the insurance claim for the waterbirds was settled some time ago. The total costs therefore to replace the waterbirds will need to be included in the additional funding required to replace all the artworks. A budget allocation of **\$269,448** would be required for this purpose.

Installation of CCTV

At its meeting held in March 2025, the Council was advised that staff will assess opportunities to introduce improved lighting, install CCTV cameras, etc, to assist, at the very least, in acting as a deterrent to vandalism.

Investigations regarding the installation of CCTV cameras have now been undertaken.

In order to ensure all of the artwork is monitored by CCTV cameras, four (4) cameras would be required to be installed in the vicinity of the artworks. The cameras can be installed on existing light poles.

The Owl Pole would however need to be installed approximately two (2) metres from its original location, closer to the bridge, which will allow for the installation of a camera on the existing light pole at the end of the bridge to monitor activity around the Owl Pole.

The costs associated with the installation of CCTV cameras to monitor the artwork is set out in Table 3 below.

TABLE 3: COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF CCTV CAMERAS

ITEM	COSTS
Cameras (4 at \$10,000 each)	\$40,000.00
Trimming of adjacent trees	\$ 2,500.00
Relocation of the Owl Pole (new footings)	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL	\$47,500.00

In addition to the installation costs, an annual subscription of **\$7,800** will be required for the management of the cameras, monitoring and data storage.

However, based on advice from the South Australian Police (SAPOL), the most effective means available to SAPOL in terms of apprehending parties who participate in thefts of this nature is via the identification of a vehicle registration number plate. SAPOL have however also advised that it is very easy to cover a vehicle registration number plate so that it is not recognisable.

This means that not only would the Council be required to install cameras adjacent to the artwork, cameras would also need to be installed in the carparking areas surrounding the Reserve.

In the case of Linde Reserve, the installation of CCTV cameras and the ongoing subscription costs would be significant.

Linde Reserve has two (2) designated car parks. In addition, there are a number of car parks located on the Cornish Street side of the Reserve.

A minimum of four (4) cameras would be required for each designated car park and three (3) cameras would be required to monitor the on-street parking spaces on Cornish Street.

The costs associated with the installation of the cameras would be **\$110,000** (at a minimum). This does not include any potential costs associated with the installation of poles for the cameras (if none are available), trimming of trees if required and the annual subscription costs.

Notwithstanding the above, the installation of CCTV cameras does not guarantee that the artwork would not be stolen or subject to vandalism in the future or indeed that the person committing the theft can be identified.

Lighting

An assessment of the lighting within the Reserve has been undertaken. The lighting that is currently located throughout the Reserve is sufficient. There are lights installed adjacent to the locations of the artwork, with the exception of the Owl Pole which can be relocated to ensure it too is in a location that is well lit.

Digital Tracking Devices

Digital tracking devices that provide an alert when an item is moved, and devices that track a stolen object, have recently become available for artworks. Indoor versions are routinely used in major art galleries.

These devices can be effective in an enclosed area that is monitored by Security Personnel and CCTV.

The reason the devices are more effective for these situations is that the devices are attached to the artwork which means that they can be removed (ie cut off the artwork using a saw, or angle grinder, etc).

Whilst discussions have been undertaken with the organisation who specialises in this type of technology (as recommended by the artist), further investigations in terms of cost, etc have not been undertaken at this stage due to the limitations of the devices on artworks located in the public realm.

Replacement of the Artworks

To replace the existing artworks at Linde Reserve on a “like-for-like basis” means that the artist will replace the artworks using bronze. As the artist owns the copyright to this artwork, it is not possible to engage another artist to produce the artwork in an alternative material, unless the artist releases the copyright, which is highly unlikely.

As set out previously, the Council will be required to allocate additional funding for the replacement of the artworks.

In addition, the installation of CCTV cameras, etc, to assist in acting as a deterrent to vandalism will require funding.

On this basis, staff have discussed the use of alternative materials with the artist, and a summary is set out below.

1. German Migrant Artwork

The artist has advised that a new sculpture of the German Migration Artwork could be carved using marble.

The cost to create the new sculpture in marble would be approximately \$150,000.

2. Tuning Fork

The artist has advised that whilst the use of marble is a good solution for the German Migration Artwork, it is not a suitable option for the Tuning Fork.

The Tuning Fork, which was originally located adjacent to the sculpture of the wolf, could be fabricated in stainless steel, hand textured and coloured to match the bronze wolf.

The cost to replace the Tuning Fork using this method would be approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000.

3. Waterbirds and Owl Pole

The use of marble is not a suitable option for the Waterbirds and Owl Pole.

Stainless steel casting is not available for complex art castings and therefore, the stainless steel solution is not a suitable option for the Owl Pole or the Waterbirds.

The artist has stated that *“The Owl Pole and the Waterbirds are cast forms with great amounts of complexity. Bronze casting is the only method to capture the undercuts and detail. Recent sculptures we have installed we back filled the forms or legs and feet with high strength cement grout to blunt any angle grinder – but neither the Owl Pole or Waterbirds offer this alternative.”*

This means that if the Council intends to replace the Owl Pole and the Waterbirds the artwork would be reproduced in bronze which would most certainly make them a target once again for theft.

OPTIONS

There are a number of options available to the Council regarding this matter ranging from not replacing all or some of the artworks, replacing some of the artworks in an alternative material or commissioning new artworks.

If the Council does resolve to replace the artworks, the option in terms of the installation of CCTV footage also needs to be considered carefully in terms of the cost.

From a practical perspective, and based on the advice of the artist, it is recommended that the Council only replaces the German Migration Artwork and the Tuning Fork.

The fabrication of these artworks using alternative materials would also mean that CCTV would not be required.

The cost to replace the artworks on a like for like basis is \$439,000.

The settled insurance claim is \$223,552.

The cost to replace the German Migration Artwork and Turning Fork using alternative materials is approximately \$200,000.

CONCLUSION

The introduction of CCTV cameras, etc, will assist as a deterrent to vandalism and/or theft of public artworks, however it will not prevent it.

The most effective means of reducing the risk of theft of public artworks is to ensure that the materials used are not of value.

COMMENTS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the German Migration Artwork at Linde Reserve be replaced and that the artwork be fabricated using marble.
2. That the Tuning Fork at Linde Reserve be replaces and that the artwork be fabricated using stainless steel, hand textured and coloured to match the bronze wolf.
3. That the Council resolves not to replace the Owl Pole and Waterbirds at Linde Reserve.
4. That the Council resolves not to install CCTV at Linde Reserve.

Cr Sims moved:

1. *That the German Migration Artwork at Linde Reserve be replaced and that the artwork be fabricated using marble.*
2. *That the Tuning Fork at Linde Reserve be replaced and that the artwork be fabricated using stainless steel, hand textured and coloured to match the bronze wolf.*
3. *That the Council resolves to replace the Owl Pole and Waterbirds at Linde Reserve.*
4. *That the Council resolves not to install CCTV at Linde Reserve.*
5. *A report be presented to the Council that identifies the insurance value of each individual major public artwork.*

Seconded by Cr Moorhouse.

Formal Motion

Cr Duke moved:

That the matter be put.

Seconded by Cr Knoblauch.

The formal motion was put and carried.

The original motion as moved by Cr Sims and Seconded by Cr Moorhouse was then put and lost.

Cr Duke moved:

- 1. That the German Migration Artwork at Linde Reserve be replaced and that the artwork be fabricated using marble.*
- 2. That the Tuning Fork at Linde Reserve be replaced and that the artwork be fabricated using stainless steel, hand textured and coloured to match the bronze wolf.*
- 3. That the Council resolves not to replace the Owl Pole and Waterbirds at Linde Reserve.*
- 4. That the Council resolves not to install CCTV at Linde Reserve.*

Seconded by Cr McFarlane.

Amendment

Cr Piggott moved:

- 1. That the German Migration Artwork at Linde Reserve be replaced and that the artwork be fabricated using marble.*
- 2. That the Tuning Fork at Linde Reserve be replaced and that the artwork be fabricated using stainless steel, hand textured and coloured to match the bronze wolf.*
- 3. That the Council resolves not to replace the Owl Pole and Waterbirds at Linde Reserve.*
- 4. That the Council resolves not to install CCTV at Linde Reserve.*
- 5. That a report be presented to the Council identifying what actions can be taken to minimise the potential for future incidents of loss of artwork that is not adequately insured.*

The amendment lapsed for want of a seconder.

The original motion was put and carried.

Division

Cr Sims called for a division and the decision was set aside.

Those in favour:

Cr Piggott, Cr Whittington, Cr Holfeld, Cr Knoblauch, Cr Duke, Cr Granozio and Cr McFarlane.

Those against: Cr Robinson, Cr Sims, Cr Mex and Cr Moorhouse.

The Mayor declared the original motion carried.

Cr Robinson left the meeting at 8.25pm.

Cr Robinson returned to the meeting at 8.27pm.

Section 3 – Governance & General Reports

13.4 SUPPLEMENTARY ELECTION – ST PETERS WARD

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager, Governance & Civic Affairs
GENERAL MANAGER: Chief Executive Officer
CONTACT NUMBER: 8366 4549
FILE REFERENCE: qA177959
ATTACHMENTS: A

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Council regarding the Supplementary Election which is required to be undertaken for the St Peters Ward.

BACKGROUND

As Elected Members are aware, On Wednesday, 21 May 2025, Cr Claire Clutterham's position as Councillor for the St Peters Ward became vacant, as a result of her election to the Australian Parliament as the Federal Member for Sturt

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act), a Notice of the Vacancy was placed in the Government Gazette on Thursday, 29 May 2025.

The Electoral Commissioner of South Australia has forwarded a letter to the Council advising of the timeframes associated with the Supplementary Election.

A copy of the letter dated 6 June 2025 (received on 12 June 2025), is contained in **Attachment A**.

RELEVANT POLICIES & STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

Not Applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with Supplementary Election are not known at this stage. As the funds will be expended as part of the 2025-2026 Budget, an adjustment will be made to the 2025-2026 Budget as part of the First or Second Budget review.

EXTERNAL ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable.

SOCIAL ISSUES

Not Applicable.

CULTURAL ISSUES

Not Applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Not Applicable.

RESOURCE ISSUES

The Supplementary Election will be managed by the General Manager, Governance & Civic Affairs in conjunction with the Electoral Commission of South Australia (ECSA).

RISK MANAGEMENT

A Supplementary Election must be held to ensure the Council meets its legislative responsibilities.

CONSULTATION

- **Elected Members**
Elected Members were advised of the requirement to conduct a Supplementary Election for the St Peters Ward at the Council Meeting held on 2 June 2025.
- **Community**
Not Applicable.
- **Staff**
Not Applicable.
- **Other Agencies**
Not Applicable.

DISCUSSION

The key dates associated with the Supplementary Election are set out in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1: SUPPLEMENTARY ELECTION FOR THE ST PETERS WARD

1. Close of Roll	5.00pm, Monday, 30 June 2025
2. Nominations Open	Thursday, 24 July 2025
3. Nominations Close	12noon, Thursday, 7 August 2025
4. Ballot Paper Draw	After the close of Nominations on 7 August 2025
5. Distribution of Ballot Papers	Tuesday, 26 August 2025 to Monday, 1 September 2025
6. Close of Voting (Polling Day)	12noon, Monday 22 September 2025

OPTIONS

Not Applicable.

CONCLUSION

The Supplementary Election will ensure the casual vacancy for the St Peters Ward will be filled for the remainder of the current term of the Council (ie until November 2026).

COMMENTS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and noted.

Cr Duke moved:

That the report be received and noted.

Seconded by Cr Granozio and carried unanimously.

13.5 2025 AUSTRALASIAN REPORTING AWARDS - CITY OF NORWOOD PAYNEHAM & ST PETERS ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager, Governance & Civic Affairs
GENERAL MANAGER: Chief Executive Officer
CONTACT NUMBER: 8366 4549
FILE REFERENCE: qA141737
ATTACHMENTS: Nil

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of the report is to advise the Council that the Council's *2023-2024 Annual Report* has been awarded a Gold Award as part of the 2025 Australasian Reporting Awards.

BACKGROUND

In 1950, a group of leading business people established awards for excellence in preparing annual reports to improve the standards of financial reporting and communicating with stakeholders in Australia. These Awards, now known as the Australasian Reporting Awards (ARA) have been presented every year since that time.

The Awards are administered by the Australasian Reporting Awards Limited, an independent not-for-profit organisation run by volunteer professionals from the business, government and not-for profit sectors, with the support of professional bodies concerned with the quality of financial and business reporting.

The ARA contributes to ongoing improvement in the quality of reporting by:

- preparing and widely distributing criteria based on world best practice as guidelines for preparing an annual report;
- conducting an annual seminar on reporting
- recognising excellence in reporting with Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards; and
- providing constructive feedback to organisations that enter the Awards

The Council has entered its Annual Report in the ARA Awards for a number of years now and in 2017, the Council's 2015-2016 Annual Report was awarded a Bronze Award as part of the 2017 ARA Awards.

In 2018, the Council's 2016-2017 Annual Report was awarded a Silver Award as part of the 2018 ARA Awards.

Since 2019 the Council's Annual Reports have been awarded Gold Awards.

On 10 April 2025, the Council received an email from the ARA Chair, Mr Alan Colegate, advising that the Council's *2023-2024 Annual Report* has been awarded a Gold Award.

This is the seventh year in a row that the Council's Annual Report has been awarded a Gold Award as part of the Australasian Reporting Awards.

RELEVANT POLICIES & STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

Not Applicable.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable.

EXTERNAL ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable.

SOCIAL ISSUES

Not Applicable.

CULTURAL ISSUES

Not Applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Not Applicable.

RESOURCE ISSUES

Not Applicable.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Not Applicable.

CONSULTATION

- **Elected Members**
Not Applicable.
- **Community**
Not Applicable.
- **Staff**
Not Applicable.
- **Other Agencies**
Not Applicable.

DISCUSSION

The *2023-2024 Annual Report* has been prepared in accordance with the provisions and requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999*, to ensure that the Council meets its legislative requirements.

In addition, as with previous Annual Reports, the 2023-2024 Annual Report has been produced in a visually interesting and easy to read format, whilst at the same time, taking in to account the comments which have been received from the ARA Awards Committee, in terms of what has been done well and opportunities for improvements to the Council's Annual Report, based on previous Annual Reports.

The Awards provide all organisations which produce an annual report with an opportunity to benchmark their annual reports against the ARA criteria which are based on world best practice.

The Awards were officially announced at the ARA Awards Presentation Dinner on Thursday, 29 May 2025, in Melbourne.

OPTIONS

Not Applicable.

CONCLUSION

The City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters Annual Report for the 2023-2024 financial year, provides a comprehensive review of highlights, activities and achievements throughout the period.

The Annual Report also complies with the legislative requirements contained in the *Local Government Act 1999*.

The Australasian Reporting Awards exist to continually improve the standards of reporting.

In the words of the ARA Awards Committee, *the Annual Report is an essential mechanism of accountability, a vital element in the governance process*, and it is therefore pleasing that the Council's commitment to producing an excellent Annual Report has been recognised as a document which has been produced to a high standard.

COMMENTS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

Cr Sims moved:

That the report be noted.

Seconded by Cr Duke and carried unanimously.

13.6 AUTHORISATIONS – MINISTER’S GENERAL APPROVAL FOR ROAD TRAFFIC ACT

REPORT AUTHOR: Manager, Governance
GENERAL MANAGER: General Manager, Governance & Civic Affairs
CONTACT NUMBER: 8366 4593
FILE REFERENCE: qA160647
ATTACHMENTS: A - B

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval for the updated authorisations made pursuant to the Minister for Transport & Infrastructure's *Instrument of General Approval and Delegation (dated 22 August 2013)* (the Minister's General Approval).

In addition, the attached *Instrument of Delegation* contains minor corrections to those powers and functions listed within the Instrument which were previously delegated by the Council on 8 October 2024.

BACKGROUND

The primary purpose of delegating powers and functions is to facilitate an efficient and effective organisation by allowing decisions to be made by the staff who conduct the day-to-day operations and to ensure that decisions are made at the appropriate level.

As Elected Members will recall, the Council resolved to grant the delegation of powers and functions of the Council under many pieces of legislation, to the Chief Executive Officer at the Council Meeting held on 8 October 2024. The Council also resolved to grant authorisation to various employees under the Minister's General Approval and also approved the Instruments of Delegation for powers and functions under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*, at the Council Meeting held on 4 November 2024.

As a result of staffing changes, updated authorisations under the Minister's General Approval are recommended. In addition, through a review of sub-delegations a few minor corrections to the delegations from the Council have been identified which are recommended to be rectified through the *Instrument of Delegation* provided as Attachment B to this report.

RELEVANT STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS & POLICIES

Not Applicable.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable.

EXTERNAL ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable.

SOCIAL ISSUES

Not Applicable.

CULTURAL ISSUES

Not Applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Not Applicable.

RESOURCE ISSUES

Not Applicable.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The adoption of an appropriate framework of delegations allows for decision making at appropriate levels within the organisation.

CONSULTATION

- **Elected Members**
Not Applicable.
- **Community**
Not Applicable.
- **Staff**
Consultation has been undertaken with relevant staff through the review of the Delegations and further consultation will occur through the sub-delegation process.
- **Other Agencies**
Not Applicable.

DISCUSSION

In accordance with the power conferred on the Minister for Transport & Infrastructure under the *Road Traffic Act 1961* (RT Act), the Minister granted general authorisations and delegations to all Councils for the purposes of exercising specific powers and functions under the RT Act via the *Instrument of General Approval and Delegation (dated 22 August 2013)* (the Minister's General Approval). For reference, the Minister's General Approval is contained within **Attachment A**.

The Minister's General Approval permits the Council to:

- sub-delegate the powers under Section 33(1) of the RT Act to the Chief Executive Officer; and
- authorise employees of the Council to exercise the powers under sections 17 and 20 of the RT Act.

1. Sub-delegation of powers under Section 33(1) of the RT Act

Section 33(1) of the RT Act relates to '*Road closing and exemptions for certain events*' and prescribes:

- (1) *On the application of any person interested, the Minister may declare an event to be an event to which this section applies and may do either or both of the following:*
 - (a) *make an order directing that specified roads (being roads on which the event is to be held or roads that, in the Minister's opinion, should be closed for the purposes of the event) be closed to traffic for a period specified in, or determined in accordance with, the order;*

- (b) *make an order directing that persons participating in the event be exempted, in relation to specified roads, from the duty to observe an enactment, regulation or by-law prescribing a rule to be observed on roads by pedestrians or drivers of vehicles.*

The Minister's General Approval delegates the above powers to the Council and through an *Instrument of Sub-Delegation under the General Approval – Road Traffic Act 1961*, the Council sub-delegated these powers to the Chief Executive Officer at the Council Meeting held on 4 November 2024. The Chief Executive Officer cannot further delegate those sub-delegations.

2. Authorising employees of the Council to exercise powers under Sections 17 and 20 of the RT Act

Section 17 of the RT Act relates to '*Installation etc of traffic control devices – general provisions*', and Section 20 of the RT Act relates to '*Work areas and work sites*'.

The Minister's General Approval provides that any authorisations to staff of the Council, must be made in writing and approved by the Chief Executive Officer on behalf of the Council. For this reason, the Chief Executive Officer, on behalf of the Council made these authorisations on 29 November 2024 and these are therefore not presented to the Council and will remain in place until such time as the Chief Executive Officer revokes them.

However, Clause A.7 of the Minister's General Approval includes various conditions which apply to the exercise of the Council's power to install, maintain, alter, operate or remove any traffic control device as follows:

- (a) Traffic Impact Statement must be prepared by a person who the Council considers is an experienced traffic engineering practitioner; and
- (b) the Traffic Impact Statement must be endorsed by a person authorised by the Council.

In addition, Clause E.2 of the Minister's General Approval, requires all traffic control devices for the purpose of an event other than those specified in Clause A.8 to be installed in accordance with a Traffic Management Plan that is prepared by a person, who in the opinion of the Council, has an appropriate level of knowledge and expertise in the preparation of traffic management plans.

In summary, the Council is required to authorise the appropriate people to do the following within the circumstances prescribed in the Minister's General Approval:

- prepare a Traffic Impact Statement;
- endorse a Traffic Impact Statement; and
- prepare a Traffic Management Plan

As a result of staffing changes, updated authorisations are therefore included as part of the recommendation for the Council's consideration and adoption.

3. Minor correction of Council delegations – *Local Government Act 1999*

Sections 173(5), 173(6) and 173(7) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act), were delegated to the Chief Executive Officer by the Council on 8 October 2024. Following a review of the Council's sub-delegations, it was identified that those provisions cannot be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.

This is because Section 173(1) of the Act relates to alterations to the Assessment Record in relation to rateable properties and Sections 173(5), 173(6) and 173(7) prescribe the process of a review of the Chief Executive Officer's consideration of an application to alter the Assessment Record. The power and function of these provisions can therefore not be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer as it effectively relates to a review of the Chief Executive Officer's decision.

For Elected Members' reference, the full wording of Section 173 of the Act is provided below:

173 - Alterations to assessment record

- (1) Application may be made to the chief executive officer of a council for an alteration of the assessment record -
 - a. by an owner or occupier of land, on the ground that particular information entered in the assessment record is incorrect or has not been recorded in accordance with this Act; or
 - b. by an occupier of land who is also the principal ratepayer in respect of the land, on the ground that the person no longer wishes to be the principal ratepayer.*
- (2) An application under subsection (1) must be made in a manner and form approved by the chief executive officer.*
- (3) If a person is dissatisfied with the outcome of his or her application, the person may request the council to review the matter.*
- (4) A request under subsection (3) must be made to the council in writing (setting out a full and detailed statement of the grounds on which the request is made).*
- (5) The procedure before the council on a review under this section will be as determined by the council and the council may, in its discretion, decide whether to permit the person who requested the review to appear personally or by representative before it.*
- (6) The council must give the person written notice of its decision on a review.*
- (7) A person who is dissatisfied with the decision of the council on a review may apply to SACAT for a review of the decision under section 34 of the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013.*

The updated *Instrument of Delegation* (Attachment B) proposes delegates for the Council's consideration to support the practical application of the provisions of Section 173(5), 173(6) and 173(7) of the Act, should the need arise.

OPTIONS

Delegations are an essential component in the operation of any organisation and an important governance requirement. The majority of the delegations are of an administrative nature and are necessary for the efficient and effective implementation of decisions and the administration of Council business and operations and the efficient use of limited resources.

Without appropriate delegations, a substantial number of minor matters would need to be referred to the Council for decision and the task of running the Council's operation efficiently and effectively would be made unnecessarily more difficult, complex, unwieldy and unsustainable.

The authorisations contained in this report are part of the Council's delegation framework. Unlike delegations (and sub-delegations) however, authorisations are made to individuals rather than to the position an individual holds. Therefore, authorisation is provided to the individual person listed in the recommendation and their position within the Council is included for information purposes.

CONCLUSION

Council decision making occurs either by resolution of the Council in a Council Meeting or through delegation. The review of the Council's delegation framework ensures compliance with legislative requirements and the effective administration of Council's powers, functions and duties.

The sub-delegations and authorisations under the Minister's General Approval are another important element in the Council's delegation framework.

The authorisations determined by the Council will take effect immediately.

COMMENTS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Council notes the *Instrument of General Approval and Delegation to Council (dated 22 August 2013)* from the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure (Minister's General Approval) as contained in Attachment A.
 2. That the previous authorisations under the Minister's General Approval, made by the Council at the Council Meeting held on 4 November 2024, be revoked.
 3. In accordance with the Minister's General Approval, the Council authorises the following persons pursuant to Clause A.7 of the Minister's General Approval to endorse Traffic Impact Statements for the purposes of Clause A of the Minister's General Approval provided that such person(s) shall take into account the matters specified in Clause A.7 of the Minister's General Approval in respect of Traffic Impact Statements:
 - Jordan Ward (Manager, Traffic & Integrated Transport);
 - Rebecca Van der Pennen (Senior Traffic Engineer); and
 - Jayesh Kanani (Traffic Engineer).
 4. In accordance with Clause A.7 of the Minister's General Approval, the Council is of the opinion that the following persons are experienced traffic engineering practitioner(s) for the purposes of preparing a Traffic Impact Statement as required by Clause A.7 of the Minister's General Approval:
 - Jordan Ward (Manager, Traffic & Integrated Transport);
 - Rebecca Van der Pennen (Senior Traffic Engineer); and
 - Jayesh Kanani (Traffic Engineer).
 5. In accordance with Clause E.2 of the Minister's General Approval, the Council is of the opinion that the following persons have an appropriate level of knowledge and expertise in the preparation of Traffic Management Plans:
 - Jordan Ward (Manager, Traffic & Integrated Transport);
 - Rebecca Van der Pennen (Senior Traffic Engineer); and
 - Jayesh Kanani (Traffic Engineer).
 6. The Council resolves to grant the delegation of powers and functions of the Council to those delegates provided for in the *Instrument of Delegation* contained in Attachment B, effective 8 July 2024.
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Cr Piggott moved:

1. *The Council notes the Instrument of General Approval and Delegation to Council (dated 22 August 2013) from the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure (Minister's General Approval) as contained in Attachment A.*
2. *That the previous authorisations under the Minister's General Approval, made by the Council at the Council Meeting held on 4 November 2024, be revoked.*
3. *In accordance with the Minister's General Approval, the Council authorises the following persons pursuant to Clause A.7 of the Minister's General Approval to endorse Traffic Impact Statements for the purposes of Clause A of the Minister's General Approval provided that such person(s) shall take into account the matters specified in Clause A.7 of the Minister's General Approval in respect of Traffic Impact Statements:*
 - *Jordan Ward (Manager, Traffic & Integrated Transport);*
 - *Rebecca Van der Pennen (Senior Traffic Engineer); and*
 - *Jayesh Kanani (Traffic Engineer).*
4. *In accordance with Clause A.7 of the Minister's General Approval, the Council is of the opinion that the following persons are experienced traffic engineering practitioner(s) for the purposes of preparing a Traffic Impact Statement as required by Clause A.7 of the Minister's General Approval:*
 - *Jordan Ward (Manager, Traffic & Integrated Transport);*
 - *Rebecca Van der Pennen (Senior Traffic Engineer); and*
 - *Jayesh Kanani (Traffic Engineer).*
5. *In accordance with Clause E.2 of the Minister's General Approval, the Council is of the opinion that the following persons have an appropriate level of knowledge and expertise in the preparation of Traffic Management Plans:*
 - *Jordan Ward (Manager, Traffic & Integrated Transport);*
 - *Rebecca Van der Pennen (Senior Traffic Engineer); and*
 - *Jayesh Kanani (Traffic Engineer).*
6. *The Council resolves to grant the delegation of powers and functions of the Council to those delegates provided for in the Instrument of Delegation contained in Attachment B, effective 8 July 2024.*

Seconded by Cr Sims and carried unanimously.

Cr Sims left the meeting at 8.38pm.

14. ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
Nil

15. OTHER BUSINESS
Nil

16. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

16.1 TENDER SELECTION REPORT – GEORGE STREET UPGRADE

RECOMMENDATION 1

That pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that the public, with the exception of the Council staff present, be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the Council will receive, discuss and consider:

(k) tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works;

and the Council is satisfied that, the principle that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public, has been outweighed by the need to keep the receipt/discussion/consideration of the information confidential.

RECOMMENDATION 2

Under Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council orders that the report and discussion be kept confidential for a period not exceeding seven (7) years and that this order be reviewed every twelve (12) months.

Under Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that the minutes be kept confidential until the contract has been entered into by all parties to the contract.

Cr Robinson moved:

That pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that the public, with the exception of the Council staff present [Chief Executive Officer; General Manager, Governance & Civic Affairs; General Manager, Urban Planning & Environment; General Manager, Infrastructure & Major Projects; Manager, Assets & Projects; Project Manager, City Projects; Manager, Governance; Manager, Strategic Communications & Advocacy; Chief Financial Officer; Executive Assistant, Chief Executive's Office and Governance Officer], be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the Council will receive, discuss and consider:

(k) tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works;

and the Council is satisfied that, the principle that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public, has been outweighed by the need to keep the receipt/discussion/consideration of the information confidential.

Seconded by Cr Duke and carried unanimously.

Cr Sims returned to the meeting at 8.41pm.

Cr Whittington left the meeting at 8.52pm.

Cr Whittington returned to the meeting at 8.54pm.

Cr Holfeld moved:

Under Section 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that the report and discussion be kept confidential for a period not exceeding seven (7) years and that this order be reviewed every twelve (12) months.

Under Section 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that the minutes be kept confidential until the contract has been entered into by all parties to the contract.

Seconded by Cr Knoblauch and carried.

16.2 ERA WATER

RECOMMENDATION 1

That pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that the public, with the exception of the Council staff present, be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the Council will receive, discuss and consider:

- (g) matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the Council does not breach any duty of confidence;

and the Council is satisfied that, the principle that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public, has been outweighed by the need to keep the receipt/discussion/consideration of the information confidential.

RECOMMENDATION 2

Under Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that the report, discussion and minutes be kept confidential for a period not exceeding 12 months, after which time the order will be reviewed.

Cr Duke moved:

That pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that the public, with the exception of the Council staff present [Chief Executive Officer; General Manager, Governance & Civic Affairs; General Manager, Urban Planning & Environment; General Manager, Infrastructure & Major Projects; Manager, Governance; Chief Financial Officer; Executive Assistant, Chief Executive's Office and Governance Officer], be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the Council will receive, discuss and consider:

- (g) matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the Council does not breach any duty of confidence;*

and the Council is satisfied that, the principle that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public, has been outweighed by the need to keep the receipt/discussion/consideration of the information confidential.

Seconded by Cr Holfeld and carried.

Cr Whittington left the meeting at 9.34pm and did not return.

Cr Robinson moved:

Under Section 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that the report, discussion and minutes be kept confidential for a period not exceeding 12 months, after which time the order will be reviewed.

Seconded by Cr Knoblauch and carried unanimously.

16.3 2025 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW

RECOMMENDATION 1

That pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that the public, with the exception of the Council staff present be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the Council will receive, discuss and consider:

- (a) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead)

relating to the employment performance of the Chief Executive Officer and the Council is satisfied that, the principle that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public, has been outweighed by the need to keep the receipt/discussion/consideration of the information confidential.

RECOMMENDATION 2

Under Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council orders that this matter having been considered in confidence under Section 90(2) and (3)(a) of the Act, the report, discussion and minutes be kept confidential until the first meeting of the Chief Executive Officer Performance Review Committee.

Cr Holfeld moved:

That pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that the public, with the exception of the Council staff present [General Manager, Governance & Civic Affairs and Governance Officer], be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the Council will receive, discuss and consider:

- (a) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead)*

relating to the employment performance of the Chief Executive Officer and the Council is satisfied that, the principle that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public, has been outweighed by the need to keep the receipt/discussion/consideration of the information confidential.

Seconded by Cr Knoblauch and carried unanimously.

Cr Robinson moved:

Under Section 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that this matter having been considered in confidence under Section 90(2) and (3)(a) of the Act, the report, discussion and minutes be kept confidential until the first meeting of the Chief Executive Officer Performance Review Committee.

Seconded by Cr Holfeld and carried unanimously.

17. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.36pm.

Mayor Robert Bria

Minutes Confirmed on _____
(date)