



# AUDIT COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

for the Special meeting

Tuesday 24 November 2020

in the Colonel Light Room,  
Adelaide Town Hall



Special Meeting Minutes, Tuesday 24 November 2020, at 4.30 pm

**Present -**

<b>Presiding Member</b>	Mr David Powell
<b>Deputy Presiding Member</b>	Mr Ross Haslam
<b>Members</b>	The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor [Sandy Verschoor] Ms Paula Davies Councillor Hyde (Deputy Lord Mayor)

**Apologies -**

<b>Proxy Members</b>	<i>Councillor Knoll [proxy for the Lord Mayor]</i> <i>Councillor Couros [proxy for Councillor Hyde].</i>
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**In Attendance**

Mr Mark Goldstone, Chief Executive Officer, City of Adelaide  
Ms Clare Mockler, Deputy CEO and Director Culture, City of Adelaide  
Mr Sonjoy Ghosh, Associate Director Information Management and Acting Associate Director Strategic Finance & Performance, City of Adelaide  
Ms Liz Packer, Manager Financial Accounting, City of Adelaide

**Acknowledgement of Country**

The Presiding Member stated:

'Council acknowledges that we are meeting on traditional Country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.

And we also extend that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations who are present today.'

**Exclusion of the Public**

**1. Item 2.1 - Exclusion of the Public to Consider [2018/04291] [AC]:**

For the following item seeking consideration in confidence:

3.1 Appointment of External Auditor [s 90(3) (k)]

**Order to Exclude for Item 3.1**

Moved by Councillor Hyde (Deputy Lord Mayor),  
Seconded by Mr Haslam –

**THAT THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

- Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (k) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this Special meeting of the Audit Committee dated 24 November 2020 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public for the consideration of Item 3.1 [Appointment of External Auditor] listed on the Agenda.

**Grounds and Basis**

The confidential information in this Report contains information that could prejudice the commercial position of the Council in respect of its procurement process. Information released prior could compromise the outcome of the process.

The Audit Committee is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the disclosure of this information relates to a tender for the supply of external audit services.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act) this Special meeting of the Audit Committee dated 24 November 2020 orders that the public (with the exception of members of Corporation staff and any person permitted to remain) be excluded from this meeting to enable this meeting to receive, discuss or consider in confidence Item 3.1 [Appointment of External Auditor] listed in the Agenda, on the grounds that such item of business, contains information and matters of a kind referred to in section 90(3) (k) of the Act.

Carried

There were no members of the public or Corporation staff present not directly involved with Item 3.1 to leave the Colonel Light Room at 4.30 pm.

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# Confidential Item 3.1

Appointment of External Auditor

Section 90 (3) (k) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*

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The Colonel Light Room re-opened to the public at 4.36 pm.

**Confidentiality Order**

**Minute 7 - Item 10.1** – Appointment of External Auditor [AC]

**Confidentiality Order**

In accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA) (the Act) and on the grounds that Item 3.1 [Appointment of External Auditor] listed on the Agenda for the Special meeting of the Audit Committee held on 24 November 2020 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3)(k) of the Act, this meeting of the Audit Committee, do order that:

1. The resolution becomes public information and included in the minutes of the Council meeting.
2. The report, the discussions and any other associated information submitted to this meeting and the minutes of this meeting in relation to the matter remain confidential and not available for public inspection until 31 December 2027.
3. The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in December 2021.
4. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to review and revoke all or part of the order herein and is directed to present a report containing the item for which the confidentiality order has been revoked.

**Closure**

The meeting closed at 4.36 pm.

Mr David Powell  
Presiding Member  
City of Adelaide Audit Committee