

Social and Affordable Housing in the City

ITEM 15.3 26/02/2019
Council

Council Member
Councillor Simms

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Receiving Officer:
Mark Goldstone, Chief Executive
Officer

MOTION ON NOTICE:

Councillor Simms will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

'That:

- (1) administration advise Council on options available to the City of Adelaide to promote and facilitate the development of social and affordable housing in the city, including the investigation of rate incentives and other initiatives such as The Big Issue's Homes for Homes;
- (2) the advice be reported back to Council for consideration by no later than 30 June 2019.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT:

1. The current City of Adelaide 2016-2020 Strategic Plan and Residential Growth Action Plan (endorsed August 2018) contain Actions and Objectives relating to collaborating with key stakeholders to address housing affordability and diversity issues. The Motion on Notice supports the progress of these actions and objectives.
2. In order to provide advice back to Council, collaboration will need to occur with the State Government's Housing Authority and Shelter SA as the leading South Australian advocacy group on housing affordability. During this engagement, all levers will be explored to determine Council's ability to incentivise the development of more social and affordable housing, with a particular focus on the not-for-profit sector and the Build to Rent Model, including discounted land sales, deferred payments, rate holidays during construction, increased rate rebates for community housing providers and potential partnership and funding opportunities.
3. Further investigation will also occur in relation to Council's potential role with supporting the Homes for Homes initiative.

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