



# COUNCIL MINUTES

for the meeting

Tuesday 15 December 2020

in the Council Chamber,  
Adelaide Town Hall



Present - The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Sandy Verschoor (Presiding)  
Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Couros  
Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Donovan, Hou, Hyde, Khera, Knoll, Mackie, Martin, Moran and Simms.

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### Acknowledgement of Country

At the opening of the Council Meeting, the Lord Mayor stated:

‘Council acknowledges that we are meeting on traditional Country of the Kurna 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 Kurna people living today.

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

### Acknowledgement of Colonel William Light

The Lord Mayor stated:

‘The Council acknowledges the vision of Colonel William Light in determining the site for Adelaide and the design of the City with its six squares and surrounding belt of continuous Park Lands which is recognised on the National Heritage List as one of the greatest examples of Australia’s planning heritage.’

### Prayer

Upon the completion of the Acknowledgement of Colonel Light by the Lord Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer asked all present to pray -

‘Almighty God, we ask your blessing upon the works of the City of Adelaide; direct and prosper its deliberations to the advancement of your glory and the true welfare of the people of this City. Amen’

### Memorial Silence

The Lord Mayor asked all present stand in silence in memory of those who gave their lives in defence of their Country, at sea, on land and in the air.

### Apologies and Leave of Absence

Nil

### Confirmation of Minutes

#### 1. Item 6 - Confirmation of Minutes – 10/11/2020 & 8/12/2020 [C]

Moved by Councillor Abrahamzadeh,  
Seconded by Councillor Knoll –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10 November 2020, and the Special meeting of the Council held on 8 December 2020, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

Councillor Abrahamzadeh left the Council Chamber at 5.07 pm

### Deputations

#### 2. Item 7 – Deputation - Tim Hall – Park 9 Development by PAC [C]

Tim Hall addressed the Council:

- In support of the development by PAC in Park 9.

The Lord Mayor thanked Tim Hall for his deputation.

During the presentation, Councillor Abrahamzadeh re-entered the Council Chamber at 5.08 pm

**3. Item 7 – Deputation - Ted Jedynek - Park 9 Development by PAC [C]**

Ted Jedynek addressed the Council:

- As a resident and representative of other residents of lower Mackinnon Parade, North Adelaide on the proposed development by PAC on Park 9.

The Lord Mayor thanked Ted Jedynek for his deputation.

**4. Item 7 - Deputation - Roberto Cardone – RCC Activation during Fringe 2021 [C]**

Roberto Cardone addressed the Council:

- In support of the RCC Activation during Fringe 2021

The Lord Mayor thanked Roberto Cardone for his deputation.

**5. Item 7 - Deputation - Stephen Yarwood – East West Bike lane [C]**

Stephen Yarwood addressed the Council:

- Regarding the East West Bike lane.

The Lord Mayor thanked Stephen Yarwood for his deputation.

**6. Item 7 – Deputation - Bailey Underwood – East West Bike lane [C]**

Bailey Underwood addressed the Council:

- Regarding the East-West bike lane and the safety of cyclists.

The Lord Mayor thanked Bailey Underwood for his deputation.

**7. Item 7 – Deputation – Nick Kyriazopoulos – East West Bikeway Proposed Route [C]**

Nick Kyriazopoulos addressed the Council to:

- Discuss the East-West Bikeway proposed route and the effect on the Greek Orthodox Community.

The Lord Mayor thanked Nick Kyriazopoulos for his deputation.

**8. Item 7 - Deputation - William Stuart – 156 -172 Franklin Street Land Management Agreement [C]**

William Stuart addressed the Council to:

- Discuss the protection of the 2014 Land Management Agreement over 156-172 Franklin Street.

The Lord Mayor thanked William Stuart for his deputation.

The Lord Mayor also advised the meeting that she had received a late request to be heard as a deputation from Kelly Henderson, which had been declined.

**Adoption of Items**

**9. Adoption of Items 9.1, 10.1, 10.2, 10.6, 10.9, 10.13, 10.15, 10.16 &10.17 [C]**

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros),  
Seconded by Councillor Abrahamzadeh –

That the following Items 9.1, 10.1, 10.2, 10.6, 10.9, 10.13, 10.15, 10.16 &10.17 be adopted as presented, namely -

**Item 9.1 - Advice of the Adelaide Park Lands Authority – 30 November 2020 [2018/04062 [C]**

THAT COUNCIL NOTES THE FOLLOWING ADVICE OF THE ADELAIDE PARK LANDS AUTHORITY:

**1. Advice 1 – Planning and Design Code – consultation on revised draft**

THAT THE ADELAIDE PARK LANDS AUTHORITY ADVISES THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND COUNCIL:

That the Adelaide Park Lands Authority:

1. Recommends that a self-assessment and referral process is undertaken ahead of implementation of Phase 3 of the Planning and Design Code regarding any possible effect the Code may have on the values which underpin the National Heritage Listing of the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout.
2. Recommends further refinements to the Planning and Design code to promote the special status, attributes and character of the Adelaide Park Lands as per the *Adelaide Park Lands Act, 2005* (SA) as set out in Attachment A to Item 3.1 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of the Board of the Adelaide Park Lands Authority held on 30 November 2020, subject to:

- PO3.2 being amended to read “.....*Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout National Heritage Values*”.
- The following inclusions shown in *italics*

**Recommendations:**

City Riverbank Zone

- Introduce effective DO or additional policy mechanism to reinstate overall vision for City Riverbank Zone and addresses the following:
  - That the zone is located within the Adelaide Park Lands *and is subject to the statutory principles of the Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005.*

**2. Advice 2 - Proposed event in the Park Lands - Digital Arts & Culture Exhibition in Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga (South)**

THAT THE ADELAIDE PARK LANDS AUTHORITY ADVISES COUNCIL:

That the Adelaide Park Lands Authority:

1. Supports the application from Illuminate Adelaide Foundation Ltd. to hold a Digital Arts and Culture Exhibition in Victoria Square/Tarntanyangga (South) from 23 June 2021 to 29 August 2021, with bump-in and bump-out from 24 May 2021 to 10 September 2021, as part of the inaugural Illuminate Adelaide festival in 2021.
2. Recommends that the footprint of the event be limited to a single zone entirely contained within the south west corner of Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga, and not infringe upon the south east section of the Square.
3. Recommends that Illuminate Adelaide explore options for significantly reducing the amount and impact of fencing being proposed, given a pavilion is being built to house the event.
4. Recommends that Illuminate Adelaide explore options to reduce bump in and bump out times.

**Item 10.1 - Free Public Transport Tickets [2020/01764] [C]**

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the report investigating various options to provide free public transport to encourage visitors to the City but due to the cost, implementation challenges and lack of ability to measure benefit to ratepayers, the assessed options are not considered feasible for implementation.

**Item 10.2 - Melbourne Street Pedestrian Crossing Investigation [2020/01802] [C]**

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes that a raised wombat pedestrian crossing is the only pedestrian crossing type that currently meets the pedestrian demand warrants for the Melbourne Street road environment.
2. Notes the concept for a raised pedestrian wombat crossing, as set out in Attachment A to Item 10.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020.
3. Notes that detailed design and construction of a raised wombat crossing on Melbourne Street will be considered and prioritised against other projects as part of future budgeting processes.

**Item 10.6 - Council Appointment of City of Adelaide member to the Adelaide City of Music Limited Board [2020/01232] [C]**

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes no nominations were received from Council Members.
2. Approves the appointment of one City of Adelaide representative to the Board of Directors of the Adelaide City of Music Limited.

**Item 10.9 - Proposed Event in the Park Lands - Wonderland Spiegeltent 2021 – Hindmarsh Square [2020/01835] [C]**

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the Wonderland Spiegeltent 2021 event to operate from Friday 19 February 2021 to Sunday 21 March 2021 in a portion of Hindmarsh Square / Mukata, occupying the site from Friday 12 February 2021 and bumping out by Thursday 25 March 2021.

**Item 10.13 - Draft Planning and Design Code – Council Response to Second Engagement [2014/02115] [C]**

THAT COUNCIL

1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the City of Adelaide Planning and Design Code Phase 3 Submission as Attachment A to Item 10.13 on the Agenda of the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020, to be submitted to the State Planning Commission by 18 December 2020.

**Item 10.15 - StudyAdelaide Board [2018/04054] [C]**

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves that nomination(s) be forwarded to the Minister, for consideration and appointment of one City of Adelaide representative on the StudyAdelaide Board.

**Item 10.16 - Appointment of Council Members to Reconciliation Committee [2018/04071] [C]**

THAT COUNCIL

1. Appoints three Council Members to the City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee for the remainder of the 2018-2022 Council term.

**Item 10.17 - Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM) 2020 Update [2015/03039] [C]**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the report.

Carried

**Advice from Adelaide Park Lands Authority & Recommendation of the Reconciliation Committee**

**10. Item 9.2 - Recommendation of the Reconciliation Committee – 2 December 2020 [2018/04062] [C]**

Moved by Councillor Martin,  
Seconded by Councillor Donovan –

1. **Recommendation 1** - Stretch RAP 2018-2021 Implementation Progress Report – September to December 2020

That Council:

1. Notes the report.

Discussion ensued, during which:

- Councillor Hyde left the Council Chamber at 5.49 pm
- Councillor Khera left the Council Chamber at 5.52 pm

CEO Undertaking

In response to queries from Councillor Martin, the CEO gave an undertaking to provide Council Members with the likely percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees at the City of Adelaide by 30 June.

The motion was then put and carried

**Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)**

**11. Item 10.3 - Bunday's Paddock/Tidlangga Sports Building & CLMP [2015/00666] [C]**

Moved by Councillor Abrahamzadeh,  
Seconded by Councillor Knoll –

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the timeline of advice and decisions to date on this matter including Council approval in 2015 to consult on a building concept developed by Prince Alfred College as shown in Attachment A to Item 10.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020.
2. Approves the building concept for Bunday's Paddock/Tidlangga (Park 9) as shown in Attachment B to Item 10.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020 for the purpose of community consultation for a four week period, subject to the building concept incorporating the following amendments:
  - 2.1. A building footprint, as defined by the Adelaide Park Lands Building Design Guideline, that does not exceed 410sqm as recently advised by the Adelaide Park Lands Authority Board.
  - 2.2. A floor plan with changerooms and player amenities that meet the minimum requirements for a local facility as per the AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines and three unisex public toilets including an accessible toilet.

- 2.3. The proposed removal of the Callitris tree adjacent the public toilets.
- 2.4. Lighting along the permeable entry path between Bundeys Road and the public amenities.
- 2.5. A series of treatments including consideration of extending the proposed swales, tree plantings and provision of urban elements (bollards and light poles) to ensure service/maintenance vehicles are contained to the permeable entry path.
3. Approves the draft Lease Agreement as shown in Attachment C to Item 10.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020, being released for statutory consultation for a four week period.
4. Notes the 'Prince Alfred College Park 9 Management Plan' as per Attachment D to Item 10.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020 and requests that the Plan specifically identify residents living on MacKinnon Parade between Mann Terrace and Jerningham Street as being provided in their letterbox with:
  - 4.1. An annual calendar of football matches scheduled in Bunday's Paddock/Tidlangga (Park 9) 14 days prior to the scheduling of the first match of the season.
  - 4.2. Notification of an event or activity that is likely to attract greater than 250 people (including participants) in Bunday's Paddock/Tidlangga (Park 9) 14 days prior to the event or activity.
5. Approves the revision of the Adelaide Park Lands Community Land Management Plan for Bunday's Paddock/Tidlangga (Park 9) as per Attachment E to Item 10.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020, being released for statutory consultation for a four week period.

Discussion ensued, during which Councillors Hyde and Khera re-entered the Council Chamber at 5.53 pm

#### CEO Undertaking – Legal advice on rescission motions

In response to queries from Councillor Moran, the CEO gave an undertaking to provide Council Members with legal advice on the use of rescission motions and the meaning of implied rescission.

The motion was then put and carried

Councillor Moran requested that a division be taken on the motion

#### **Division**

#### **For (7):**

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros) and Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Hou, Hyde, Khera, Knoll and Mackie

#### **Against (4):**

Councillors Donovan, Martin, Moran and Simms

The division was declared in favour of the motion

#### **12. Item 10.4 - East-West Bikeway [VS2020/7596] [C]**

Moved by Councillor Donovan,  
Seconded by Councillor Simms –

#### THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the selection of Franklin Street – Flinders Street – Gawler Place – Wakefield Street/Road as the route of the separated East-West Bikeway, as per Attachment A to Item 10.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020.
2. Approves the East-West Bikeway Design Guide as per Attachment B to Item 10.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020, and for design work to commence consistent with this guide.
3. Approves the delivery and engagement approach (Option 2 Iterative Development Approach) as per Attachment C to Item 10.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020, and engagement to commence in late January 2021 to notify the community about the project and seek feedback on proposed parking controls.
4. Approves an evaluation program for the East-West Bikeway, based on a comprehensive range of performance measures, including economic indicators.
5. Notes that this recommended route selection will be provided to the Minister for Transport for concurrence prior to proceeding, in accordance with the City Bikeways Funding Deed and Administration will work with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport with the aim to extend the term of funding deed, past the current 30 June 2021 end date.

Discussion ensued

Amendment –

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros),  
Seconded by Councillor Abrahamzadeh –

That the motion be amended to read as follows:

That Council:

1. Notes the alignment of Franklin Street – Flinders Street – Gawler Place – Wakefield Street/Road as the route of the separated East-West Bikeway, as per Attachment A to Item 10.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of Council held on 15 December 2020.
2. Approves the Lord Mayor to write to the Minister to seek an extension to the separated bikeways deed following impacts to community and delays to economic stimulus in the city due to COVID 19.
3. Approves engagement to commence in January 2021 to notify the community about the project and seek feedback on the proposal as per the engagement approach (Option 2 Iterative Development Approach) as per Attachment C to Item 10.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of The Committee held on 8 December 2020.
4. Consults on the East-West Bikeway Design Guide as per Attachment B to Item 10.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of Council held on 15 December 2020, and for design work to commence consistent with this guide to inform the community consultation being undertaken.
5. Approves the engagement of a consultant to undertake the Prudential report on behalf of Council for the East-West Bikeway, based on the required comprehensive range of performance measures, including economic indicators.
6. Notes that the recommended east west route selection will be provided to the Minister for Transport for concurrence prior to proceeding, in accordance with the City Bikeways Funding Deed.
7. Notes a report will be brought to Council in March 2021 seeking approval for the east west bikeway project with accompanying Prudential Report, designs, early consultation feedback and market sounding on project delivery.'

Much discussion ensued

The amendment was then put and carried

Councillor Simms requested that a division be taken on the amendment

#### **Division**

**For (6):**

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros) and Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Hou, Hyde, Khera and Knoll

**Against (5):**

Councillors Donovan, Mackie, Martin, Moran and Simms

The division was declared in favour of the amendment

Amendment –

Moved by Councillor Hyde,  
Seconded by Councillor Khera –

Parts 2 and 5 of the motion be amended to read as follows:

- '2. Approves the Lord Mayor to write to the Minister to seek an extension to the separated bikeways deed following impacts to community and delays to economic stimulus in the city due to COVID 19 and to enquire with the State Government around their desire to broaden the deed so that it may be used for other cycling infrastructure improvements within the City of Adelaide.
5. Approves the engagement of a consultant to undertake the Prudential report on behalf of Council for the proposed East-West Bikeway, and to prepare a Cost-Benefit Analysis consistent with the approach outlined in the *Infrastructure Australia Assessment Framework*.'

Discussion ensued, during which:

- Councillor Hyde tabled the following documents –
  - City of Adelaide Bikeways Design Guide
  - The City of Adelaide Smart Move Transport and Movement Strategy 2012-22
  - City of Sydney Cycling Strategy and Action Plan
  - Infrastructure Australia Assessment Framework
  - Infrastructure SA 20 Year State Infrastructure Strategy
  - City of Adelaide Community Consultation Policy
  - City of Melbourne Bike Lane Design Guidelines
- Councillor Abrahamzadeh left the Council Chamber at 7.01 pm and re-entered at 7.05 pm

The amendment was then put and carried

Councillor Simms requested that a division be taken on the amendment

#### **Division**

#### **For (6):**

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros) and Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Hou, Hyde, Khera and Knoll

#### **Against (5):**

Councillors Donovan, Mackie, Martin, Moran and Simms

The division was declared in favour of the amendment

Discussion continued

The motion, as amended, was then put and carried

Councillor Moran requested that a division be taken on the motion as amended

#### **Division**

#### **For (6):**

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros) and Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Hou, Hyde, Khera and Knoll

#### **Against (5):**

Councillors Donovan, Mackie, Martin, Moran and Simms

The division was declared in favour of the motion as amended

Councillor Moran left the Council Chamber at 7.41 pm

### **13. Item 10.5 - Adelaide Economic Development Agency Transitional Funding Arrangement 2020/21 [2019/00615] [C]**

Moved by Councillor Abrahamzadeh,  
Seconded by Councillor Mackie –

#### **THAT COUNCIL**

1. Approves 2020/21 transitional funding for the Adelaide Economic Development Agency from a reallocation of funding of operational activities, projects and operating costs (including staff costs) directed to city economic development and associated marketing activities under the 2020/21 Business Plan and Budget.
2. Notes that funding received through the Rundle Mall separate rate will continue to be used specifically and only to deliver on the 2020/21 Rundle Mall Business Plan and Budget and to promote, market and manage the Rundle Mall precinct.
3. Notes that funding of the Adelaide Economic Development Agency for future years will form part of the annual Business Plan and Budget process, including consultation with Council required under the *Local Government Act 1999*.

Discussion ensued, during which:

- Councillor Simms left the Council Chamber at 7.41 pm, re-entered at 7.44 pm, left at 7.48 pm and re-entered at 7.51 pm
- Councillor Khera left the Council Chamber at 7.41 pm and re-entered at 7.43 pm
- Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros) left the Council Chamber at 7.41 pm and re-entered at 7.43 pm
- Councillor Moran re-entered the Council Chamber at 7.46 pm and left at 7.55 pm

The motion was then put and carried

Councillor Hyde requested that a division be taken on the motion



### Division

#### For (9):

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros) and Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Donovan, Hou, Hyde, Khera, Knoll Mackie and Simms

#### Against (1):

Councillor Martin

The division was declared in favour of the motion

Item 10.5, distributed separately is attached for reference at the end of the Minutes of this meeting.

The Lord Mayor advised the meeting that Item 10.8 - Proposed Event in the Park Lands - RCC 2021 would be considered prior to Item 10.6 - Council Appointment of City of Adelaide member to the Adelaide City of Music Limited Board due to the interest from the public gallery.

#### 14. Item 10.8 - Proposed Event in the Park Lands - RCC 2021 [2020/01846] [C]

Moved by Councillor Abrahamzadeh,  
Seconded by Councillor Hyde –

#### THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves RCC 2021 to operate between Friday 19 February 2021 and Sunday 21 March 2021 in the southern half of Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga with trading times restricted to 10pm each day of operation.
2. Notes public consultation was conducted on the City of Adelaide Your Say website for Option A and Option B, however MOMENTARILY PTY LTD withdrew their intention to pursue Option A after the completion of the consultation period.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve any further changes required to the event application where the change is necessary in order to fulfil a COVID Management Plan or COVID Safe Plan approved by SA Health.

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Moran re-entered the Council Chamber at 8.11 pm

The motion was then put and carried

Councillor Abrahamzadeh requested that a division be taken on the motion

### Division

#### For (9):

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros) and Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Donovan, Hyde, Khera, Knoll Mackie, Martin and Simms

#### Against (2):

Councillors Hou and Moran

The division was declared in favour of the motion

The meeting **adjourned at 8.12pm** for a 30-minute break **and reconvened at 8.47 pm** with the following Council Members present:

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Sandy Verschoor (Presiding), Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros) and Councillors Donovan, Hou, Hyde, Khera, Knoll, Mackie and Martin.

#### 15. Item 10.6 - Council Appointment of City of Adelaide member to the Adelaide City of Music Limited Board [2020/01232] [C]

The Lord Mayor called for nominations to the position of City of Adelaide representative to the Board of Directors of the Adelaide City of Music Limited.

Councillor Hyde nominated Councillor Khera who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Abrahamzadeh re-entered the Council Chamber at 8.47 pm

It was then -

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

#### THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the appointment of Councillor Khera as City of Adelaide representative to the Board of Directors of the Adelaide City of Music Limited.

Carried

Councillor Simms re-entered the Council Chamber at 8.48 pm

**16. Item 10.7 - Proposed event in the Park Lands - Digital Arts and Culture Exhibition in Victoria Square/Tarntanyangga (South) [2020/01801] [C]**

Moved by Councillor Hyde,  
Seconded by Councillor Mackie –

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the Illuminate Adelaide Digital Arts and Culture Exhibition event to operate from Wednesday 23 June 2021 to Sunday 29 August 2021 in a portion of Victoria Square/ Tarntanyangga (South), occupying the site from Monday 24 May 2021 to Friday 10 September 2021.

Carried

**17. Item 10.10 - City of Adelaide's Water Sensitive City Action Plan 2021-2025 [2019/01449] [C]**

Moved by Councillor Simms,  
Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros) –

THAT COUNCIL

1. Adopts the Water Sensitive City Action Plan 2021-2025 as per Attachment A to Item 10.10 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020, to enable the City of Adelaide to meet its strategic objectives and transition to a water sensitive city.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

**18. Item 10.11 - Draft Community Land Management Plan: General Provisions [2019/01693] [C]**

Moved by Councillor Martin,  
Seconded by Councillor Donovan –

That Council defers the matter to a workshop to which supporting information is provided.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

**19. Item 10.12 - 2021 - 2022 Business Plan & Budget - Budget Parameters [2020/01920] [C]**

Moved by Councillor Hyde,  
Seconded by Councillor Abrahamzadeh –

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Adopts expenditure and revenue targets based on a rate in the dollar freeze and a rise to fees and charges at CPI.
2. Notes the budget assumptions for the preparation of the draft 2021-22 Business Plan and Budget of:
  - a. Capital expenditure on Renewal and Replacement of Existing Assets of \$27.6 million, with an Asset Sustainability ratio of 67%.
  - b. Capital expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets of \$19.2 million.
3. Requests the Lord Mayor and CEO urgently convene workshops and planning sessions with elected members with a view to developing or changing the following:
  - a. A policy governing the City's approach to infrastructure and building assets within the Long Term Financial Plan that will:
    - i. Identify which significant infrastructure assets (such as the Adelaide Bridge, the Torrens Weir and the Grenfell-Currie Bus Corridor), for which we must seek State and Federal government funding in order to renew, and;
    - ii. Identify ageing building or commercial assets that are at or approaching the end of their useful life within the Long Term Financial Plan in order to determine how we will reuse, renew or recycle these assets.
  - b. An economic policy that will:

- i. Support owner-occupier growth in the city that will ensure we meet or beat our 2030 growth targets, and;
  - ii. Achieve a rate revenue growth as a result of new developments of no less than 3 percent per annum for a majority of the years in the Long Term Financial Plan.
  - c. An investment strategy that will harness the funds held within the City's Future Fund in order to develop new revenue streams for the City.
4. Resolves that the City is determined to grow its tax base to achieve a surplus as opposed to taxing its existing revenue base further to achieve a surplus.

Discussion ensued

Amendment –

Moved by Councillor Simms,  
Seconded by Councillor Hyde –

That the motion be amended to read as follows:

'That the item be deferred to be brought forward as a Motion on Notice to the next meeting of Council in January 2021.'

Discussion ensued

The amendment was then put and lost

Discussion continued, during which Councillor Simms left the Council Chamber at 9.24 pm and re-entered at 9.26 pm

The motion was then put and carried

Councillor Hyde requested that a division be taken on the motion

#### **Division**

#### **For (7):**

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros) and Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Hou, Hyde, Khera, Knoll and Mackie

#### **Against (3):**

Councillors Donovan, Martin and Simms

The division was declared in favour of the motion

#### **20. Item 10.14 - Adelaide Park Lands Authority Strategic Plan [2018/02283] [C]**

Moved by Councillor Hyde,  
Seconded by Councillor Knoll –

#### THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the Adelaide Park Lands Authority's draft Strategic Plan 2020 – 2024 as included as Attachment A to Item 10.14 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

#### **21. Item 10.15 - StudyAdelaide Board [2018/04054] [C]**

The Lord Mayor called for nominations to the position of City of Adelaide representative on the StudyAdelaide Board.

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros) nominated Councillor Hyde who accepted the nomination.

It was then -

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros),  
Seconded by Councillor Abrahamzadeh –

THAT COUNCIL

1. Forwards the nomination of Councillor Hyde to the Minister, for consideration and appointment as City of Adelaide representative on the StudyAdelaide Board.

Carried

**22. Item 10.16 - Appointment of Council Members to Reconciliation Committee [2018/04071] [C]**

The Lord Mayor called for nominations of Council Members to the City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee for the remainder of the 2018-2022 Council term.

Councillor Donovan nominated Councillor Knoll who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Mackie nominated Councillor Donovan who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Knoll nominated Councillor Simms who declined the nomination.

Councillor Simms nominated Councillor Hyde who declined the nomination.

Councillor Hyde nominated Councillor Mackie who declined the nomination.

Councillor Donovan nominated Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros) who declined the nomination

Councillor Hyde nominated Councillor Martin who declined the nomination.

Councillor Mackie nominated Councillor Abrahamzadeh who declined the nomination.

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros) accepted her nomination.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Hyde,

Seconded by Councillor Mackie –

THAT COUNCIL

1. Appoints the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros) and Councillors Donovan and Knoll as Council Members to the City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee for the remainder of the 2018-2022 Council term.

Carried

**23. Item 10.18 - City Business Stimulus Program [2016/01008] [C]**

Moved by Councillor Hyde,

Seconded by Councillor Knoll –

That Council:

1. Approves the reprioritisation of \$400,000 through the 2020-2021 Quarter 2 Revised Forecast process to implement an energy assessment pilot program to reduce operational costs for small businesses in the CBD and North Adelaide.
2. Approves the expansion of the Sustainability Incentives Scheme criteria to include implementation of small business energy audit recommendations.
3. Notes the extension of the Summer Street Beats and Eats series, to be funded through the reprioritisation of \$100,000 from the 2020-21 budget allocation for Splash.
4. Approves the implementation of an Event Infrastructure Funding scheme of up to \$50,000 through the current 2020-21 budget allocation for City Activation.
5. Approves the following expenditure as part of the preparation of the draft 2021-22 Business Plan and Budget (BP&B):
  - 5.1 \$1 million to assist existing city-based events to expand to become city-wide. This funding to be split 50/50 over the 2021-22 and 2022-23 financial years.
  - 5.2 \$1 million increase to the Events and Sponsorship Program to sponsoring new major events in the City. This additional funding to be split 50/50 over the 2021-22 and 2022-23 financial years.
6. Approves the reprioritisation of \$250,000 through the 2020-21 Quarter 2 Revised Forecast process to complement and leverage the January 2021 round of the South Australian Tourism Commission's Great State Vouchers, incorporating paid experiences and hospitality offerings.
7. Approves the reprioritisation of \$250,000 through the 2020/21 Quarter 2 Revised Forecast process to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency to design and implement a digital Marketplace for businesses within the City of Adelaide within the first quarter of 2021.

8. Advocates through the Capital City Committee for a city specific stimulus fund to be established by the State Government.

Discussion ensued, during which Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros) identified an actual conflict of interest in Item 10.18 [City Business Stimulus Program] pursuant to Sections 75 & 75A of the Local Government Act 1999, because she is a business owner, therefore she would remain in the meeting, but not participate in the vote for Part 6 of the motion.

The Lord Mayor advised that the motion would be taken in parts

All parts of the motion (Excluding part 6) were then put and carried

Part 6 of the motion was then put and carried  
(Deputy Lord Mayor, Cr Couros did not vote)

Item 10.18, distributed separately is attached for reference at the end of the Minutes of this meeting.

Councillor Khara left the Council Chamber at 9.50 pm

### Exclusion of the Public

#### 24. Item 11.1 – Exclusion of the Public [2018/04291] [C]

For the following Reports of Committees seeking consideration in confidence

- 12.1.1.** Recommendation of the Special Audit Committee in Confidence – 24 November 2020 [s 90(3) (k)]

For the following reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports) seeking consideration in confidence

- 12.2.1.** Activating Eighty Eight O'Connell [s 90(3) (d)]  
**12.2.2** Unnamed public road off Tom's Court [s 90(3) (h)]  
**12.2.3** Contract Award Report - Moonta Street Construction [s 90(3) (d)]  
**12.2.4** Strategic Property Action Plan [s 90(3) (b) & (d)]  
**12.2.5** Adelaide Economic Development Agency Appointment of Board Members [s 90(3) (a)]  
**12.2.6** Citizen of the Year Awards 2021 [s 90(3) (a)]

#### ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 12.1.1

Moved by Councillor Abrahamzadeh,  
Seconded by Councillor Knoll –

#### THAT COUNCIL

- 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)*, this meeting of the Council dated 15 December 2020 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public for the consideration of Item 12.1.1 [Recommendation of the Special Audit Committee in Confidence – 24 November 2020] 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.

- Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 15 December 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 12.1.1 [Recommendation of the Special Audit Committee in Confidence – 24 November 2020] 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.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

### ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 12.2.1

Moved by Councillor Abrahamzadeh,  
Seconded by Councillor Hyde –

#### THAT COUNCIL

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (d) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the Council dated 15 December 2020 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 12.2.1 [Activating Eighty Eight O'Connell] listed on the Agenda in a meeting open to the public would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

#### Grounds and Basis

This Item contains commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person, who supplied the information and confer a commercial advantage on a third party and in this instance it is the proponent who has supplied commercial information to support the negotiations of the lease arrangements.

#### Public Interest

The 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 may result in release of information prior to the finalisation of 'commercial in confidence' negotiations between the proponent and their suppliers and may materially and adversely affect the financial viability of the proponent in relation to contract negotiations which on balance would be contrary to the public interest.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 15 December 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 12.2.1 [Activating Eighty Eight O'Connell] 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) (d) of the Act.

Carried

### ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 12.2.2

Moved by Councillor Abrahamzadeh,  
Seconded by Councillor Knoll –

#### THAT COUNCIL

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (h) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the Council dated 15 December 2020 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public for the consideration of Item 12.2.2 [Unnamed public road off Tom's Court] listed on the Agenda.

#### Grounds and Basis

This Item is confidential because it includes legal advice given to Council to support Council in assessing the application and associated legal risks.

The disclosure of information in this report would reasonably be expected to prejudice Council's position if there were future legal challenges.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 15 December 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 12.2.2 [Unnamed public road off Tom's Court] 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) (h) of the Act.

Carried

Councillor Khara re-entered the Council Chamber at 9.52 pm

### ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 12.2.3

Moved by Councillor Abrahamzadeh,  
Seconded by Councillor Knoll –

THAT COUNCIL

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (b) & (d) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the Council dated 15 December 2020 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 12.2.3 [Contract Award Report - Moonta Street Construction] listed on the Agenda in a meeting open to the public would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

Grounds and Basis

The disclosure of information in this report could reasonably prejudice the commercial position and identity of the contractor who supplied 'commercial in confidence' material containing commercial pricing and methodology information. This report contains reference to 'commercial in confidence' tender response documentation, disclosure of which at this point in time may confer a commercial advantage on a third party, prejudice the ability for Council to undertake/participate in future discussion or negotiation and prejudice the Council's commercial position and opportunity to discuss or negotiate an option yet to be determined by the Council at this point in time.

Public Interest

The Council 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 will result in release of contractor commercial pricing and methodology information, a competitor receiving the information to the detriment of the interested parties and the person who supplied the information at this point in time (and for approximately 3 years from the date of this report) and because the disclosure of Council's commercial position may severely prejudice Council's ability to discuss/participate or influence a proposal for the benefit of the Council and the community in this matter.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 15 December 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 12.2.3 [Contract Award Report - Moonta Street Construction] 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) (b) & (d) of the Act.

Carried

ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 12.2.4

Moved by Councillor Knoll,  
Seconded by Councillor Abrahamzadeh –

THAT COUNCIL

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (b) & (d) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the Council dated 15 December 2020 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 12.2.4 [Strategic Property Action Plan] listed on the Agenda in a meeting open to the public would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

Grounds and Basis

This Item contains certain information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting business, prejudice the commercial position of the council and prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information and confer a commercial advantage to a third party.

More specifically, the disclosure of certain information in this report could reasonably prejudice the commercial position of the council including its future commercial dealings given that it contains financial information and future direction with regard to Council assets and strategic land holdings.

Public Interest

The Committee is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstance given that the information in this report, including certain financial information and further direction, may prejudice its future commercial dealings with regard to its assets and strategic land holdings. On this basis, the disclosure of such information may severely prejudice the City of Adelaide's ability to influence the proposal for the benefit of the City of Adelaide and the community in this matter.

- Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 15 December 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 12.2.4 [Strategic Property Action Plan] 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) (b) & (d) of the Act.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

#### ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 12.2.5

Moved by Councillor Hyde,  
Seconded by Councillor Mackie –

#### THAT COUNCIL

- Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (a) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the Council dated 15 December 2020 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public for the consideration of Item 12.2.5 [Adelaide Economic Development Agency Appointment of Board Members] listed on the Agenda.

#### Grounds and Basis

This Item contains confidential information that must be considered in confidence in order to protect the personal affairs of the nominee.

Public discussion and disclosure of information in this report prior to a resolution being determined by Council may potentially implicate the nominee's reputation in the business community.

- Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 15 December 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 12.2.5 [Adelaide Economic Development Agency Appointment of Board Members] 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) (a) of the Act.

Carried

#### ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 12.2.6

Moved by Councillor Abrahamzadeh,  
Seconded by Councillor Knoll –

#### THAT COUNCIL

- Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (a) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the Council dated 15 December 2020 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public for the consideration of Item 12.2.6 [Citizen of the Year Awards 2021] listed on the Agenda.

#### Grounds and Basis

This Item is confidential as it contains information of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead)

The disclosure of information in this report could reasonably provide information concerning the personal affairs of the nominees.

- Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 15 December 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 12.2.6 [Citizen of the Year Awards 2021] 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) (a) of the Act.

Carried

The public and members of Corporation staff not directly involved with Items 12.1.1, 12.2.1, 12.2.2, 12.2.3, 12.2.4, 12.2.5 & 12.2.6 left the Council Chamber at 9.54 pm.



Confidential Item 12.1.1

Recommendation of the Special Audit Committee in Confidence – 24 November 2020

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

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Confidential Item 12.2.1

Activating Eighty Eight O'Connell

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

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Confidential Item 12.2.2

Unnamed public road off Tom's Court

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

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Confidential Item 12.2.3

Contract Award Report - Moonta Street Construction

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

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Confidential Item 12.2.4

Strategic Property Action Plan

Section 90 (3) (b) & (d) of the *Local Government Act (SA) 1999*

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Confidential Item 12.2.5

Adelaide Economic Development Agency Appointment of Board Members

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

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Confidential Item 12.2.6

Citizen of the Year Awards 2021

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

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The meeting re-opened to the public at 10.48 pm

### Confidentiality Orders

#### **Minute 25 - Item 12.1.1** - Recommendation of the Special Audit Committee in Confidence – 24 November 2020 [C] Confidentiality Order & Resolution

#### THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the report of the Special meeting of the Audit Committee held on 24 November 2020.
2. Adopts the following recommendation of the Audit Committee:

#### **Appointment of External Auditor**

That Council:

1. Approves the awarding of the contract, as per option 3 contained in Item 3.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 24 November 2020, for the supply of external audit services to BDO Audit (SA) Pty Ltd for a period of three years with two one-year rights of renewal.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to negotiate with BDO Audit (SA) Pty Ltd to finalise the tender process and execute contracts as appropriate, including any subsequent renewal processes.
2. In accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act) and on the grounds that Item 12.1.1 [Audit Committee Report – 24 November 2020] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3)(k) of the Act, this meeting of the Council, do order that:
  - 2.1 The resolution becomes public information and included in the minutes of the meeting.
  - 2.2 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.
  - 2.2 The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in December 2021.
  - 2.3 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.

#### **Minute 26 - Item 12.2.1** - Activating Eighty Eight O'Connell [C]

#### Confidentiality Order

In accordance with Section 91(7) & (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* and on the grounds that Item 12.2.1 [Activating Eighty-Eight O'Connell] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of Council held on 15 December 2020 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90 (3) (d) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, the meeting of Council do order that:

1. The resolution, the report, the discussion 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.
2. The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in December 2021.
3. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to review and revoke all or part of the order herein and directed to present a report containing the Item for which the confidentiality order has been revoked.

#### **Minute 27 - Item 12.2.2** - Unnamed public road off Tom's Court [C]

#### Confidentiality Order, Resolution & Figure 1

#### THAT COUNCIL

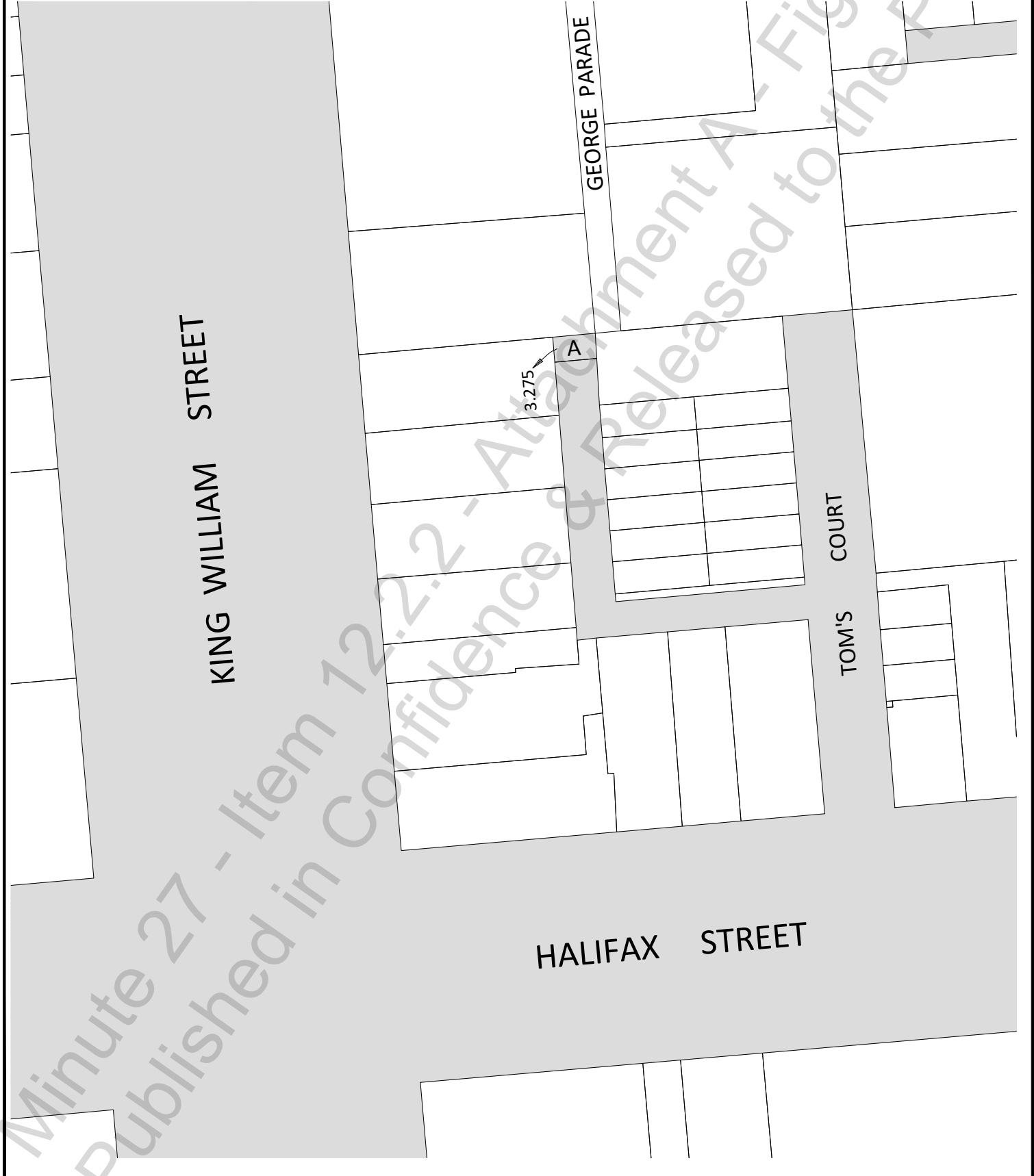
1. Approves to grant Karidis Corporation an authorisation and permit under sections 221 and 222 of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* for a limited term of 6 months and otherwise on conditions that are to be determined by the Chief Executive Officer, in respect of the proposal by Karidis Corporation to:
  - 1.1 Build a structure (up to four metres above ground) on the unnamed public road lettered "A" on Attachment A to Item 12.2.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020.
  - 1.2 Exclusively occupy (for a business purpose) the unnamed public road lettered "A" on Attachment A to Item 12.2.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020.

2. Approves that the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to extend, where the Chief Executive Officer sees fit, the term of the authorisation for a further period of up to 3 months.
3. Notes the Karidis Corporation, should it wish to occupy a portion of Tom's Court in connection with the operation of the Tom's Court Hotel beyond the term of the authorisation and permit granted by the Council, will submit for the Council's consideration, a revised proposal for a screen that minimises the impacts upon vehicle access to and from adjacent land.
4. In accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* and because Item 12.2.2 [Unnamed public road off Tom's Court] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3) (h) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the Council do order that:
  - 4.1 The resolution and Figure 1 in Attachment A become public information and included in the Minutes of the Council meeting.
  - 4.2 The report, the discussion 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.
  - 4.3 The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in December 2021.
  - 4.4 The Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to review and revoke all or part of the order herein and directed to present a report containing the Item for which the confidentiality order has been revoked.

Figure 1

Legend

 Public Road



**Minute 28 - Item 12.2.3** - Contract Award Report - Moonta Street Construction [C]Confidentiality Order

In accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA) and because Item 12.2.3 [Contract Award Report – Moonta Street Construction] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3) (d) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), this meeting of the Council do order that:

1. The resolution, the report, the discussion 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.
2. The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in December 2021.
3. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to review and revoke all or part of the order herein and directed to present a report containing the Item for which the confidentiality order has been revoked

**Minute 29 - Item 12.2.4** - Strategic Property Action Plan [C]Confidentiality Order & Parts 8-12 of ResolutionTHAT COUNCIL

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8. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to initiate an Expression of Interest (EOI) with the 211 Pirie Street site to be offered to the market as the core opportunity and the adjoining Pirie Flinders UPark to be offered as an additional value add opportunity.
9. Approves the Desired Outcomes as contained within paragraph 62 of Item 12.2.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December to inform the Expression of Interest.
10. Approves the proposal to proceed with the process for revocation of the Pirie Street Volleyball Courts land (211 Pirie Street site) identified as Allotment 6 in Deposited Plan 21138 as contained within Certificate of Title Volume 5471 Folio 983 from the classification as Community Land pursuant to Section 194 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA).
11. Approves Attachment C to Item 12.2.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020 containing the report pursuant to Section 194 (2) (a) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), as the basis of the public consultation information in relation to the Community Land revocation process.
12. Notes that Council will review the results (including submissions received) of the public consultation process at a future meeting to determine its position on the proposed Community Land revocation of the Pirie Street Volleyball Courts land.
13. In accordance with Section 91(7) & (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and on the grounds that Item 12.2.4 [Strategic Property Action Plan] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90 (3) (b) & (d) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), the meeting of the Council do order that:
  - 13.1. Parts 8 -12 of the resolution become public information and included in the minutes of the Council meeting.
  - 13.2. The resolution [excluding Parts 8-12], the report, the discussion 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.
  - 13.3. The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in December 2021.
  - 13.4. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to review and revoke all or part of the order herein and directed to present a report containing the Item for which the confidentiality order has been revoked.

**Minute 30 - Item 12.2.5** - Adelaide Economic Development Agency Appointment of Board Members [C]Confidentiality Order

In accordance with Section 97(7) & (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* and because Item 12.2.5 [Appointment of Board Members to Adelaide Economic Development Agency] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the Council do order that:

1. The resolution, report, discussion and any other associated information submitted to this meeting in relation to the matter remain confidential and not available for public inspection until 18 January 2021.
2. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to review and revoke all or part of the order herein and directed to present a report to containing the Item for which the confidentiality order has been revoked.

**Minute 31 - Item 12.2.6** - Citizen of the Year Awards 2021 [C]Confidentiality Order

In accordance with Section 91(7) & (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* and on the grounds that Item 12.2.6 [Citizen of the Year Awards] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2019 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3) (a) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of Council, do order that:

1. The resolution, the report, the discussion 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 after the 2021 Citizen of the Year Awards Ceremony.
2. The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in January 2021.
3. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to review and revoke all or part of the order herein and directed to present a report containing the Item for which the confidentiality order has been revoked.

## Lord Mayor's Reports

**32. Item 13 – Lord Mayor's Report [2018/04064] [C]**

The Lord Mayor addressed the meeting on the following activities:

- Lighting of the Christmas tree in Victoria Square
- Christmas Pageant at Adelaide Oval
- Christmas Lunch at Adelaide Town Hall with First Responders and First Nations people
- Christmas Gala at Adelaide Town Hall
- Live screening of Sealink Carols by Candlelight
- Wishing Grove on Grote Street
- Council of Capital City Lord Mayors AGM
- Hutt Street and Moonta Street Roundtable meetings
- Openings of SkyCity Adelaide, Crowne Plaza Adelaide and the Main Gallery
- Launch of the new Queen Adelaide II statue at Government House
- 2 year anniversary of the Council

During the discussion, Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros) left the Council Chamber at 10.48 pm and re-entered at 10.51 pm

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Khera,  
Seconded by Councillor Mackie -

That the report be received and noted.

Carried

## Councillors' Reports

**33. Item 14.1 – Reports from Council Members [2018/04064] [C]**

Councillor Hyde left the Council Chamber at 10.52 pm

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Abrahamzadeh,  
Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros) -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Council Member activities and functions attended on behalf of the Lord Mayor (Attachment A to Item 14.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020).
2. Notes the summary of Council Members meeting attendance (Attachment B to Item 14.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020).
3. Notes that reports from Council Members tabled at the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2020 be included in the Minutes of the meeting.

Carried

## Questions on Notice

**34. Item 15.1 to Item 15.9 – Questions on Notice [C]**

- 15.1** Councillor Khera – Question on Notice – National Climate Emergency Summit [Page 472]
- 15.2** Councillor Martin – Question on Notice - Operating Budget and Borrowing History [Page 473]
- 15.3** Councillor Martin – Question on Notice - Rate Freeze Impacts on Council Revenue [Page 474]
- 15.4** Councillor Martin – Question on Notice - City of Adelaide Christmas in the City [Page 475]
- 15.5** Councillor Martin – Question on Notice - Commercial Property Vacancies [Page 476]
- 15.6** Councillor Martin – Question on Notice – City of Adelaide Debts [Page 477]
- 15.7** Councillor Martin – Question on Notice – Lord Mayor’s Christmas Party [Page 478]
- 15.8** Councillor Martin – Question on Notice – Lord Mayoral Transport [Page 479]
- 15.9** Councillor Martin – Question on Notice - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment at the City of Adelaide [Page 480]

The Questions and Replies having been distributed and published prior to the meeting were taken as read.

The tabled Reply’s for Items 15.1 – 15.9 are attached for reference at the end of the Minutes of this meeting.

## Question without Notice

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Khera left the Council Chamber at 10.53 pm

## Motions on Notice

**35. Item 17.1 – Councillor Simms – Motion on Notice – Automation of all Pedestrian crossings in the CBD [2018/04053] [C]**

Withdrawn from consideration in the absence of the Council Member

**36. Item 17.2 – Councillor Moran – Motion on Notice – East West Bikeway [2018/04053] [C]**

Withdrawn from consideration in the absence of the Council Member

**37. Item 17.3 – Councillor Mackie – Motion on Notice – Greater Central West Precinct [2018/04053] [C]**

Moved by Councillor Mackie,  
Seconded by Councillor Abrahamzadeh –

That Council:

resolves to prepare a briefing paper for endorsement and funding by Capital City Committee to progress the ‘Greater Central West’ Precinct as the next priority following the completion of the Riverbank Masterplan.

Discussion ensued, during which:

- Councillor Hyde re-entered the Council Chamber at 10.55 pm
- Councillor Khera re-entered the Council Chamber at 10.56 pm

The motion was then put and carried

**38. Item 17.4 – Councillor Khera – Motion on Notice – Traffic Calming, McLaren Street [2018/04053] [C]**

Councillor Khera withdrew his motion from consideration

**39. Item 17.5 – Councillor Simms – Motion on Notice – Pride Walk on Light Square [2018/04053] [C]**

Withdrawn from consideration in the absence of the Council Member

**40. Item 17.6 – Item 17.6 - Councillor Moran – Motion on Notice – Revoke Decisions of 11 December 2018, 10 March 2020 and 9 June 2020 relating to Council Member appointments [2018/04071] [C]**

Withdrawn from consideration in the absence of the Council Member

**41. Item 17.7 – Councillor Moran – Motion on Notice – CoA Eateries [C]**

Withdrawn from consideration in the absence of the Council Member

**42. Item 17.8 – Councillor Khera – Motion on Notice – Aquatic Centre [C]**

Moved by Councillor Khera,  
Seconded by Councillor Hyde –

That Council:

noting the unsustainable and ongoing operating loss of the Aquatic Centre over the 2020 calendar year, ceases the operation of the Aquatic Centre by the end of March 2021, for an indefinite period or until a decision of chamber for a re-commencement of operation.

Much discussion ensued, during which:

- With the consent of the mover, seconder and the meeting the motion was varied to read as follows:

‘That Council:

noting the unsustainable and ongoing operating loss of the Aquatic Centre over the 2020 calendar year, ceases the operation of the Aquatic Centre by the end of March 2021, unless the State or Federal Government commit capital funding to a rebuild.’

- Councillor Donovan left the Council Chamber at 11.20 pm and re-entered at 11.24 pm

The motion was then put and lost

Councillor Khera requested that a division be taken on the motion

#### Division

**For (4):**

Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Hou, Hyde and Khera

**Against (5):**

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros) and Councillors Donovan, Knoll, Mackie and Martin

The division was declared against the motion

The meeting **adjourned at 11.39pm** for a 5-minute break **and reconvened at 11.45 pm** with the following Council Members present:

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Sandy Verschoor (Presiding) and Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Donovan, Hou, Khera, Knoll and Martin.

**43. Item 17.9 – Councillor Martin – Motion on Notice – CAP Representations [2018/04053] [C]**

Moved by Councillor Martin,  
Seconded by Councillor Donovan –

That Council;

Asks the Lord Mayor to write to the Minister for Planning and Local Government to request the Development Regulations 2008 (SA) be amended to allow, at the discretion of the Council Assessment Panel, Presiding Member greater flexibility;

1. For persons who wish to make representations before the Council Assessment Panel in circumstances when they have not indicated whether or not they wish to be heard in support of their written representation, or who change their mind
2. For persons not currently entitled through adjoining property rights to be heard by the Council Assessment Panel where there are, in the opinion of the Presiding Member, grounds for them to be heard.



Discussion ensued, during which:

- Councillor Mackie, Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros) and Councillor Hyde re-entered the Council Chamber at 11.48 pm
- With the consent of the mover and seconder the Lord Mayor advised the motion would be taken in parts
  - Part 1 of the motion was then put and lost
  - Part 2 of the motion was then put and lost

**44. Item 17.10 – Councillor Martin – Motion on Notice – North South Bikeway [C]**

Moved by Councillor Martin,  
Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros) –

That Council:

1. Noting the debate about expending remaining State Government Bikeway funding for an East West route, acknowledges that the North South Bikeway agreement with the State Government has not been fulfilled with construction of the following sections of the latter not yet started;
  - Rundle Street to North Terrace
  - North Terrace to Victoria Drive
  - Victoria Drive to War Memorial Drive
  - Melbourne Street/Brougham Street to Le Fevre Tce, and
2. Requests the Administration present Council with plans for completion of the North South Bikeway, along with proposals for the funding of the project.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

**45. Item 17.11 – Councillor Martin – Motion on Notice – Masterplan Spending [2018/04053] [C]**

Moved by Councillor Martine,  
Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros) –

That Council;

1. Acknowledges the response of the Administration to a Question on Notice at the November meeting of Council that;
  - 1.1. \$370, 000 was allocated in the 2019/20 Integrated Business Plan for the creation of Masterplans for Melbourne Street, O'Connell Street and Hutt Street
  - 1.2. Some of those funds have been expended on "quick wins" in main streets not related to Master Plans
  - 1.3. Only \$232, 000 remained of the original funding as at April, 2020 and
2. Asks the Administration to begin in January 2021, with the remaining funds available, the Masterplan process for these streets approved by Council almost 2 years ago.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

**Motions without Notice**

**46. Item 18.1 – Councillor Martin – Motion without Notice – Tree Register [C]**

Moved by Councillor Martin,  
Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Couros) –

That Council asks the administration to report to Elected Members on the latest assessment of trees in the Park Lands which may pose risk of failure endangering City users together with advice of any necessary actions.

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Abrahamzadeh left the meeting at 12.10 am

The motion was then put and carried unanimously

## Closure

The meeting closed at 12.13 am

Mark Goldstone,  
Chief Executive Officer

Sandy Verschoor,  
Lord Mayor

## Documents Attached for Reference

Minute 13 - Item 10.5 - Adelaide Economic Development Agency Transitional Funding Arrangement 2020/21, distributed separately

Minute 23 - Item 10.18 - City Business Stimulus Program, distributed separately

Minute 34 – Item 15.1 – 15.9 – Question on Notice, Replies, distributed separately

Minute 41, 42 & 44 - Item 17.7, 17.8, 17.10 - Motion on Notice, Administration Comments, distributed separately

# Adelaide Economic Development Agency Transitional Funding Arrangement 2020/21

ITEM 10.5 15/12/2020  
Council

Strategic Alignment - Strong Economies

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2019/00615  
Public

**Approving Officer:**  
Ian Hill, Director Growth

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council at a Special meeting on 6 October 2020 resolved to implement a City-Wide Business Model through an amendment to the Charter of the Rundle Mall Management Authority. The amendments, including a change of name to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency (the Agency), are envisaged to come into operation on 18 January 2021, following gazettal of the Charter on 14 January 2021.

As part of the consideration of the report, Council resolved to consider approval of the 2020/21 funding for the Agency from a reallocation of funding currently directed to city economic development and associated marketing activities under the approved 2020/21 Business Plan and Budget, at a subsequent meeting.

Council approval is now sought for transitional funding of the Agency for the remainder of the 2020/21 financial year. It is proposed that the Agency be funded by a reallocation of existing funding approved by Council as part of the 2020/21 Business Plan and Budget process to deliver economic development and associated marketing activities for the city. This will ensure that activities and projects approved by Council will continue to be delivered in 2020/21.

Funding received through the Rundle Mall separate rate will be used specifically and only to deliver on the 2020/21 Rundle Mall Business Plan and Budget and to promote, market and manage the Rundle Mall precinct.

As required by the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), the Agency will consult with Council in the development of its Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2021/22. This will coincide with the City of Adelaide's Business Plan and Budget process and will commence early in 2021.

Further details are provided in this report.

### THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves 2020/21 transitional funding for the Adelaide Economic Development Agency from a reallocation of funding of operational activities, projects and operating costs (including staff costs) directed to city economic development and associated marketing activities under the 2020/21 Business Plan and Budget.
2. Notes that funding received through the Rundle Mall separate rate will continue to be used specifically and only to deliver on the 2020/21 Rundle Mall Business Plan and Budget and to promote, market and manage the Rundle Mall precinct.
3. Notes that funding of the Adelaide Economic Development Agency for future years will form part of the annual Business Plan and Budget process, including consultation with Council required under the *Local Government Act 1999*.

## IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	<b>Strategic Alignment – Strong Economies</b> Implement a City-Wide Business Model
Policy	Not as a result of this report
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	The Adelaide Economic Development Agency will be managed within existing resources.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	Not as a result of this report
20/21 Budget Allocation	Transitional funding for the remainder of 2020/21 is proposed through a reallocation of budget in the 2020/21 Business Plan and Budget for economic development and city marketing activities to the Agency, in addition to the Rundle Mall separate rate.
Proposed 21/22 Budget Allocation	Council will be consulted in the development of the Adelaide Economic Development Agency's Annual Business Plan and Budget 2021/22, with the final budget to be submitted to Council for approval.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	The subsidiary will operate under Section 42 of the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i> (the Act) until such time as Council resolves for the subsidiary to be wound up. Pursuant to Section 3 (4) of Schedule 2 of the Act, the subsidiary charter may be reviewed by Council at any time.
20/21 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Ongoing costs for operation and delivery of programs by the Agency would be funded through the annual Business Plan and Budget process in consultation with Council.
Other Funding Sources	The subsidiary has the ability to generate secondary revenue above and beyond its funding requirements and would seek opportunities to partner with other agencies and the private sector.

## DISCUSSION

1. Council at its Special Meeting on 6 October 2020 resolved to implement a City-Wide Business Model through an amendment to the Charter of the Rundle Mall Management Authority. The amendments are envisaged to come into operation on 18 January 2021 (after the amended Charter is published in the Government Gazette on 14 January 2021). This will include a change of name to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency (the Agency).
2. As part of its discussions regarding the formation and operation of the Agency, particularly relating to the proposed funding for the Agency, Council further resolved:
 

“To consider approval of the 2020/21 funding for the Rundle Mall Management Authority (to be renamed as the Adelaide Economic Development Agency), from a reallocation of funding directed to city economic development and associated marketing activities under the 2020/21 Business Plan and Budget, at a subsequent meeting.”
3. The City of Adelaide (CoA) currently collects its annual rate revenue via general rates and the Rundle Mall separate rate. Economic development, marketing and support for festivals and events within the city are currently funded through general rates and include a combination of projects and general operations.
4. The 2020/21 Business Plan and Budget includes funding of approximately \$5M for operational activities such as City Growth, festivals and sponsorship, strategic partnerships (eg StudyAdelaide, Adelaide Convention Bureau, Festivals Adelaide, Renew Adelaide and Australia Day Council). This funding for operational activities includes staff costs of approximately \$600k.
5. In addition, there is a further \$2.7M for operating costs (including staff costs) to deliver economic development and associated marketing functions. This amount does not include other marketing and community engagement activities undertaken for other parts of the organisation.
6. Table 1 shows the allocation of funding for operational activities and operating costs as included in the Council approved 2020/21 Business Plan and Budget. The table identifies the proposed funding split between the Agency's transitional budget and City of Adelaide to enable continued delivery of Council's approved economic development and associated marketing projects and activities for the remainder of 2020/21.

Table 1 – 2020/21 Transitional Budget

Council approved 2020/21 Business Plan & Budget	\$'000s (inc carry forwards)	
	AEDA	CoA
<b>Thriving Communities - Page 12</b>		
Online Advertising -On line advertising for reach and engagement across interstate and local websites and digital platforms	40	30
Public Relations - Build awareness of City of Adelaide plans and strategies and consolidate relationship with residents, businesses and customers of the city	20	20
Web and Digital Development - Ongoing enhancement of the City of Adelaide website and digital platforms	60	63
<b>Strong Economies - Page 13</b>		
Adelaide Convention Bureau Funding - Funding contribution to support the Adelaide Convention Bureau to attract business conventions, exhibitions, incentives tourism and other events to Adelaide	382	
City and Corporation Brand - Promote Adelaide to local, national and international markets, increasing awareness and enhancing the reputation of the City to help deliver economic, sociocultural and environmentally sustainable outcomes for the City	40	10
City Growth - Contribute to city growth by attracting and retaining business investment and property development, building business growth and capability and supporting retail precincts. Researching the future of retail, business activations across our sponsored events, supporting the entrepreneurial sector, driving growth across city	1,149	

living and ensuring research and insights are available to inform future activity across all areas.		
Education Adelaide Funding - Funding contribution to support Study Adelaide to promote Adelaide as a destination for international students	274	
Renew Adelaide Funding - Funding contribution to Renew Adelaide, an external not for profit urban renewal organisation that works to revitalise under-used and empty buildings and shopfronts with projects of economic benefit to the community	225	
Visitor Growth - Funding to deliver initiatives that will contribute to visitor growth and the visitor experience in the City	217	
<b>Dynamic City Culture - Page 14</b>		
Australia Day Sponsorship - Support for the Australia Day in the City parade, concert and fireworks		179
Content Production - Provision of online content to promote Adelaide through video, Adelaide Living, photography and authored content	40	60
Festival & Event Sponsorship - Financial support to the community to assist in the staging of a diverse range of events and activities within the City (\$55K for operational expenses related to delivery of festivals and events is proposed to remain with COA to be utilised for advertising, signage and other sponsorship collateral).	1,836	55
Festivals Adelaide Initiative - A 3 year strategic partnership to support the growth of Adelaide's premier arts and cultural festivals and promote Adelaide as Australia's best festival city.	66	
<b>Operational activities across multiple services under Resources, Budget and Projects</b>		
Economic Development Staff costs to deliver on community outcomes outlined above.	598	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>4,947</b>	<b>417</b>
Operating costs associated with economic development and marketing & communications functions. e.g. Visitor Information Centre and overheads, staff costs, volunteer support, printing, stationery, etc.	<b>2,700</b>	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,647</b>	<b>417</b>

7. Funding of approximately \$3.8M is budgeted to be received through the Rundle Mall separate rate in 2020/21. This levy will continue to be used specifically to deliver the adopted 2020/21 Business Plan and Budget of the Rundle Mall Management Authority.
8. Revenue raised from concessions and activations within Rundle Mall will continue to be used to deliver the adopted 2020/21 Business Plan and Budget of the Rundle Mall Management Authority.

#### Next Steps

9. Under the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) (the Act), the Agency (as a subsidiary of Council) must, in consultation with Council, prepare and adopt a business plan consistent with its Charter, and review the business plan on an annual basis.
10. The business plan must include the performance targets that the Agency is to pursue, a statement of the financial and other resources required to achieve the targets, as well as the measures to monitor and assess its performance.
11. It is intended that the development of the business plan will commence in early 2021 and involve consultation with Council. This will involve consideration of matters such as Festival & Event Sponsorship allocations, as well as Strategic Partnerships.
12. The annual budget for the Agency is required to be consistent with its business plan and Council's Strategic Plan. The Agency will consult with Council in the development its budget for 2021/22. It is proposed that this process will align with the City of Adelaide's Business Plan and Budget process.

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## ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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# City Business Stimulus Program

ITEM 10.18 15/12/2020  
Council

Strategic Alignment - Strong Economies

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**Approving Officer:**  
Ian Hill, Director Growth

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since March 2020, many city businesses have been impacted as a result of the challenges presented by COVID-19 through physical distancing restrictions, lower city visitation as a result of no international tourism, and the postponement or cancellation of events and festivals.

The City of Adelaide is among those city businesses most significantly impacted by this global pandemic, experiencing a loss of income of approximately \$20 million for the 2019-2020 financial year alone. Despite this, The City of Adelaide has worked to support city businesses by providing over \$11 million in assistance through the creation of grants, activities, activations, financial relief, advice and assistance programs.

The City of Adelaide Outdoor Activation Grant (\$1.15 million) and the Christmas Incentive Scheme (\$223,000) were both oversubscribed with applications. The success of these grants highlights the willingness from businesses to invest in infrastructure to support their ongoing business operations and activities that attract visitation and spending to main streets and key precincts. These grants have also benefited the broader City economy, by supporting local tradespeople, manufacturers, artists, performers, and more as the works or activations are carried out.

The easing of restrictions effective 14 December 2020 should provide an economic boost to City businesses in the lead up to Christmas, a particularly important period for the retail and hospitality sectors. Nonetheless, Council has sought advice about additional effective measures that could be introduced to support our City traders.

With the City of Adelaide projecting a \$39 million deficit for the 2020-2021 financial year, the options provided in this report are primarily based on reprioritising expenditure already committed in this year's budget, or expenditure identified to be built into the 2021-2022 business plan and budget. This proposal balances the need for Council to achieve a surplus budget to ensure that the organisation is financially viable, with providing immediate relief and longer term, sustainable outcomes for impacted businesses in the City of Adelaide.

## RECOMMENDATION

### That Council:

1. Approves the reprioritisation of \$400,000 through the 2020-2021 Quarter 2 Revised Forecast process to implement an energy assessment pilot program to reduce operational costs for small businesses in the CBD and North Adelaide.
2. Approves the expansion of the Sustainability Incentives Scheme criteria to include implementation of small business energy audit recommendations.
3. Notes the extension of the Summer Street Beats and Eats series, to be funded through the reprioritisation of \$100,000 from the 2020-21 budget allocation for Splash.
4. Approves the implementation of an Event Infrastructure Funding scheme of up to \$50,000 through the current 2020-21 budget allocation for City Activation.



5. Approves the following expenditure as part of the preparation of the draft 2021-22 Business Plan and Budget (BP&B):
  - 5.1 \$1 million to assist existing city-based events to expand to become city-wide. This funding to be split 50/50 over the 2021-22 and 2022-23 financial years.
  - 5.2 \$1 million increase to the Events and Sponsorship Program to sponsoring new major events in the City. This additional funding to be split 50/50 over the 2021-22 and 2022-23 financial years.
6. Approves the reprioritisation of \$250,000 through the 2020-21 Quarter 2 Revised Forecast process to complement and leverage the January 2021 round of the South Australian Tourism Commission's Great State Vouchers, incorporating paid experiences and hospitality offerings.
7. Approves the reprioritisation of \$250,000 through the 2020/21 Quarter 2 Revised Forecast process to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency to design and implement a digital Marketplace for businesses within the City of Adelaide within the first quarter of 2021.
8. Advocates through the Capital City Committee for a city specific stimulus fund to be established by the State Government.

## IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Strong Economies
Policy	Not as a result of this report
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	To assist small businesses within the City of Adelaide through grants to reduce their operating costs. To increase city vibrancy and support the city economy through additional events and festivals being held within the city. To provide vouchers and digital marketplace tools to help stimulate the city economy in the short and the long-term.
20/21 Budget Allocation	Identified initiatives are currently not funded within the 2020/21 Business Plan and Budget.
Proposed 21/22 Budget Allocation	Proposed prioritisation of \$1 million for events and festivals in 2021/22 with a further \$1 million in 2022/23.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Subject to Council decision, proposed funding for 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23.
20/21 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Subject to Council decision, seeking \$900,000 of funding for the identified support initiatives.
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Advocate the Government of South Australia for a city specific stimulus fund.

## DISCUSSION

1. The effects of COVID-19 have been significant on businesses within the City of Adelaide (CoA) due to the reduced number of visitors (tourists and business conference attendees) and enforced safety measures as seen recently by the three-day lockdown enforced by the State Government.
2. The easing of restrictions effective 14 December 2020 should provide an economic boost to City businesses in the lead up to Christmas, a particularly important period for the retail and hospitality sectors. Nonetheless, Council has sought advice about additional effective measures that could be introduced to support our City traders.
3. With the CoA projecting a \$39 million deficit for the 2020-2021 financial year, the options provided in this report are primarily based on reprioritising expenditure already committed in this year's budget, or expenditure identified to be built into the 2021-2022 business plan and budget. This proposal balances the need for Council to achieve a surplus budget to ensure that the organisation is financially viable, with providing immediate relief and longer term, sustainable outcomes for impacted businesses in the City.
4. This report provides:
  - 4.1 Insights on device activity (giving an indication of the number of people in the city), office occupancy rates and opportunities for assistance by Council.
  - 4.2 Opportunities to reprioritise funding to assist businesses with initiatives to lower ongoing business costs.
  - 4.3 Assistance for city-based events to grow and expand.

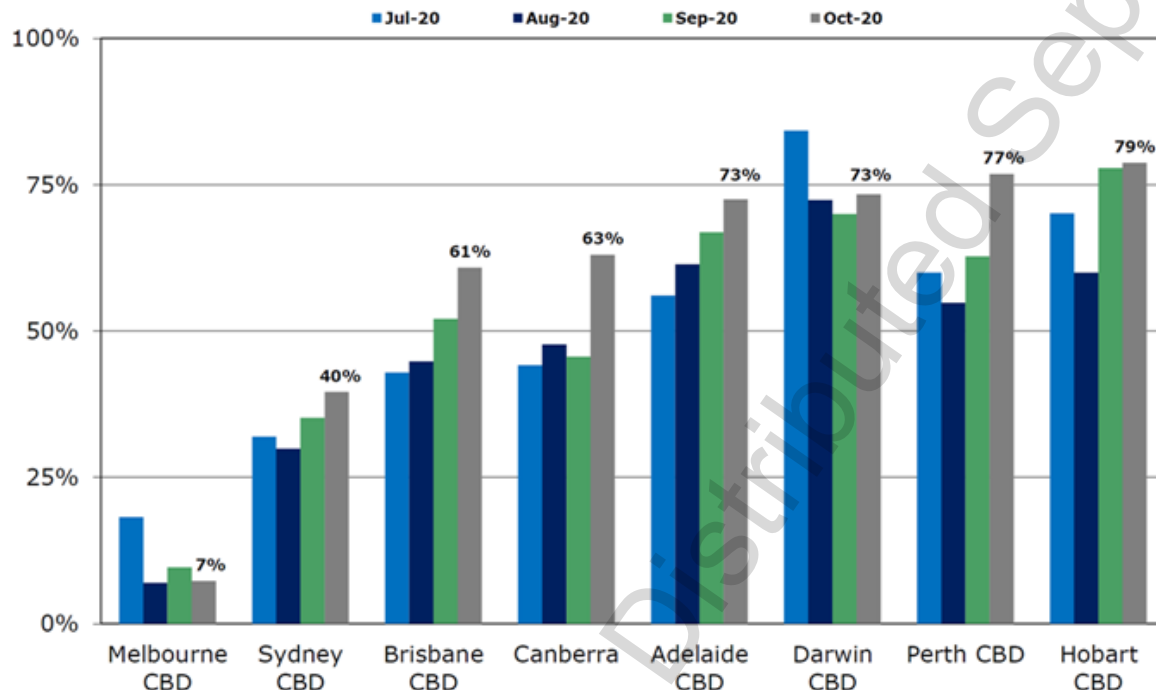
### Research Insights

5. In April 2020, during the first wave of COVID-19, the number of devices detected daily across the City decreased up to 75% in comparison to April 2019. In November, and due to the second wave of COVID-19 cases, daily counts decreased again, reaching less than 20% of 2019 levels at its lowest day (due to the State lockdown).
6. The latest Property Council data (from July 2020) shows that office vacancies in Adelaide are sitting at 14.2%. The early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic has so far delivered only a modest effect on office vacancy rates across Australian CBD and non-CBD office markets. M3 Property also conducted an analysis on the Adelaide market and stated that "vacancy is expected to rise in the short term, however, the Adelaide CBD office market is potentially more insulated to sharp economic downturns than the eastern states due to the relatively low number of large corporate occupiers".

7. Data from the Property Council of Australia also shows that 73% of the Adelaide CBD workforce had returned to the office as of October 2020. The below figure provides a snapshot comparison of other capital cities in Australia and their office occupancy rate.



**What is the current level of occupancy in office buildings compared to the pre-COVID period (%)?**



8. Of the approximately 5,000 businesses in the CoA, small businesses (comprising less than 20 employees) make up 86%. The greatest number of CoA businesses are in the Accommodation and Food Services sector (over 1,000 businesses) followed by the Retail sector (nearly 900 businesses). These sectors also represent those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic due to periods of closure and reduced foot traffic in the city.

#### Lower Operating Costs for Business

9. Energy costs can account for a significant percentage of the operating cost for a small business. Reducing energy bills will therefore greatly assist small businesses to manage in the current economic climate.
10. To assist small businesses with mitigating their energy costs, an energy assessment program is proposed as cost saving energy efficiency technologies and initiatives can have a significant and ongoing benefit for businesses who are currently experiencing budgetary constraints.
11. The recent CoA Business Insights Survey completed by 166 city businesses, of which over 80% were small businesses, found that 68% of these businesses would like to reduce energy costs and 58% would like to improve energy efficiency. In addition, 86% indicated a preference for support that provided rebates for sustainability technologies and actions.
12. Current programs offered by CoA that provide support to businesses for reducing energy consumption and associated carbon emissions (including CitySwitch, Building Upgrade Finance and the Carbon Neutral Adelaide Partners Program) can assist small businesses, however they are not tailored to the needs of the hospitality and retail sectors which are experiencing the most significant financial impact. Most programs are more relevant to office-based businesses.
13. The Sustainability Incentives Scheme caters for small business with rebates available for solar PV, energy storage, electric vehicle chargers, load control and rating tools, however these technologies and actions require significant upfront investment in addition to the rebate. The upfront cost is likely to present a barrier to some small businesses in the current economic climate where easy and inexpensive energy efficiency solutions are needed.
14. Acknowledging that small businesses need assistance with energy bills, the CoA is holding an online event called "Speed Date a Sustainability Expert" in March 2021 targeting small business. This event provides one-one-one advice to businesses on practical steps and action to reduce energy costs or answer questions about other sustainability initiatives as requested.

15. There are a number of State and Commonwealth government energy programs that service small business, but they are advisory services and do not offer on-site assessments or rebates (i.e. SA Energy Advisory Service and Commonwealth Business Energy Advisory Program).
16. The South Australian Retailer Energy Efficiency Scheme offers a limited range of discounted services and products to business with the focus on lighting upgrades to date. From 1 January 2021 a new scheme, to be called Retailer Energy Productivity Scheme, will include a broader range of discounts for energy efficiency applicable to some commercial businesses.
17. A gap in support to small businesses, particularly the hospitality and retail sector, is on-site energy assessments that provide targeted, easy and cost-effective recommendations on how to reduce energy costs including advice on implementation. Advice to policy makers indicates that small businesses need hands on support for energy efficiency as it is not core business and they have limited time and abilities to progress independently.
18. There are a number of interstate program examples to learn from. In particular, an ACT Government program offers small businesses with energy bills of up to \$25,000 per year, a free energy assessment with recommendations for improvements and a rebate of 50% of the cost of implementation up to \$5,000.
19. An initial cost estimate to implement a similar scheme to the ACT program in the CoA is \$800,000 per year. Based on previous experience, an energy assessment would cost between \$1,000 and \$2,500 per small business. A maximum rebate of up to \$5,000 could then be available to assist businesses to implement recommendations from their energy audit through an expanded Sustainability Incentive Scheme. Therefore, the cost of the new program, including the maximum rebate and free energy assessment, is estimated to be up to \$7,500 per business. For the service to be delivered to 100 business per year a project budget of approximately \$750,000 would be needed. In addition, a further \$50,000 would be required for resourcing to manage this program. Therefore, a total budget of \$800,000 would be required.
20. It is therefore proposed that a pilot of this program is undertaken for the remainder of the 2020-21 financial year. This will require a budget reprioritisation of approximately \$400,000 to cater for 50 businesses and support this initiative.

#### **Summer Street Beats and Eats series**

21. On the back of the successful Street Beats and Eats program, a follow-on Summer Street Beats and Eats program is proposed to generate footfall in underutilised parts of the city. Previously, the Street Beats and Eats series along with other music activations had been focussed on mainstreets, inner city locations and Rundle Street
22. The Street Beats and Eats series has shown how successful activations can assist the local hospitality industry, as seen with one local hotel operator is are now looking into its own music program (for slower nights of the week) after having experienced the benefit of live music/activations. The hotel operator also expressed their disappointment when the Street Beats and Eats program finished and asked for another one to be implemented as soon as possible.
23. The Summer Beats and Eats series is proposed to be broadened to include other pockets of the city, particularly on the south side of the City while also still incorporating the main streets, inner city and Rundle Street. The series would involve sponsoring and programming local artists to play outside different venues in the city during Friday lunch time, Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday afternoon for January, February and March 2021.
24. An expression of interest process is proposed allowing businesses from all areas of the city to register their interest and be part of the program.
25. The estimated cost of this project is \$100,000 and is funded through the SPLASH budget.

#### **Festival and events**

26. The event sector has been heavily affected by COVID-19 as restrictions have either meant a reduced number of patrons within event venues, or the postponement/cancellation of the event due to restrictions making it unviable for organisers.
27. The cancelling of an event, little or major, has a ripple effect as it not only impacts surrounding local businesses through reduced footfall, but it also impacts local suppliers.

### Event Infrastructure Funding scheme

28. Council has already assisted some events in offsetting their costs through its decision on 14 July 2020 to create a Quick Response Fund from the redirection of unspent Events and Festivals Sponsorship funding as a result of cancellations. Eligibility for quick response funding includes:
  - 28.1 Events/festivals already receiving Council sponsorship support to assist with additional costs incurred to deliver activities in-line with physical distancing requirements and restrictions.
  - 28.2 Not-for-profit event/festival organisers that did not meet the 20/21 Sponsorship Program funding round process and timelines.
  - 28.3 Commercial event/festival organisers operating on an expected profit basis whose financial viability may be impacted as a result of COVID-19.
29. There is an opportunity to develop a one-off event infrastructure support scheme. This scheme would provide further assistance to the event sector and the businesses that supply the infrastructure required to operate an event. This scheme would be available to events and festivals occurring in the City of Adelaide boundary to assist them with offsetting their hard costs such as generator hire, fencing hire, site huts etc.
30. A two tiered approach is suggested for this scheme to help incentivise different locations city wide. The tiers could include:
  - 30.1 Existing events in the city.
  - 30.2 New events wanting to trial pilot sites in the city that currently have no infrastructure.
31. This tiered approach is suggested as it opens the grant up to existing events while also allowing new events to trial sites that are currently underutilised in the city. The activation of these sites will potentially increase footfall for businesses that are currently not receiving the same benefit that is seen in the East End. In having these events test these pilot sites, through receiving aid with infrastructure costs, Council is also able to determine the viability of these sites for future events and the potential for installing more permanent event infrastructure.
32. Funding is proposed for up to 50% of the infrastructure cost to a maximum grant of \$10,000 (excluding GST).
33. This scheme would be funded through the existing City Activation budget.

### Sponsorship opportunities

34. Allocate \$1 million over two years for existing city-based events to grow and expand (eg SALA, Music in the Square, Umbrella Festival, Winter Warmers) to become city wide.
35. An addition \$1 million to be allocated over two years to support new festivals and events within the City of Adelaide. These new events and festivals are to have a strong focus as whole of city events that can be delivered to stimulate precincts and key hospitality strips. For example, a month-long Taste of Adelaide.

### Tourism and partnership opportunities

36. The tourism and events sector has been hit hard by COVID-19. The South Australian Government has announced a further round of Great State Voucher offers and there is opportunity for CoA to leverage this offer to further support city accommodation businesses by providing additional financial assistance and promoting the Great State offer.
37. There is also opportunity to invest in and advocate for the Great State Voucher offer to be expanded to support city-based tourism experiences for example Adelaide Zoo, Adelaide Tree Climb, BBQ Buoys and restaurants and hotels. It is suggested that \$250,000 be reprioritised through the 2020/21 Quarter 2 Revised Forecast to support this initiative.

### Digital Marketplace

38. Reprioritise through the 2020/21 Quarter 2 Revised Forecast \$250,000 to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency to design and implement a Digital Marketplace within the Agency's first quarter of operations. The Marketplace will provide all city business the opportunity to transact and promote their products or services direct to local, interstate or international consumers.

### Advocacy

39. Advocate to the State Government for a city specific stimulus fund through the Capital City Committee given the expected delays in return of international flights and the time it will take for interstate tourism and international student numbers to return.

## DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil

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## ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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# National Climate Emergency Summit

ITEM 15.1 15/12/2020

Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Khera

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## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Khera will ask the following Question on Notice:**

'Regarding the National Climate Emergency Summit held on, or around, the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of February of this year, can the administration please provide:

1. The total cost to council in relation to attendance by the councillor (Cllr Simms) to this conference, including:
  - Cost of air travel,
  - Cost of accommodation,
  - Cost of ancillary transport,
  - Ancillary and administrative costs
2. The total usage of cabcharge vouchers in dollars and kilometres;
3. An estimate of the carbon costs incurred, in kilograms, for air travel, and other ancillary travel utilised, as well as for ancillary energy usage such as hotel accommodation.'

## REPLY

1. At its meeting of 10 December 2019, Council endorsed a report seeking approval for travel and associated costs up to \$2000 for Councillor Simms to attend the National Climate Emergency Summit in Melbourne in February 2020.
2. The total cost to Council included:
  - 2.1. \$169.89 - Conference Registration
  - 2.2. \$323.72 – Flights (Virgin Australia - including carbon offset)
  - 2.3. \$613.39 – Accommodation (2 nights)
  - 2.4. \$62.00 - Meals
  - 2.5. \$192.36 – Taxis (cabcharge)

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\$1361.36 Total



3. Noting that the greenhouse gas emissions associated with the flights (0.2 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e) were offset, an estimate of the greenhouse gas emissions associated with the accommodation and taxi travel is 0.17 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e (using Climate Active emissions factors).
4. On 10 March 2020, Councillor Simms addressed the Council meeting to provide a report on the National Climate Emergency Summit.
5. Costs related to the Summit have been made publicly available through both the Register of Members' Benefits and the 2019-2020 City of Adelaide Annual Report.

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# Operating Budget and Borrowings History

ITEM 15.2 15/12/2020  
Council

Council Member  
Councillor Martin

2018/04053  
Public

Contact Officer:  
Clare Mockler, Deputy CEO &  
Director Culture

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Could the Administration advise:

1. The Operating Budget deficit/surplus forecast at the beginning of each financial year and the year end result for the following years:  
2014/15  
2015/16  
2016/17  
2017/18  
2018/19  
2019/20
2. The budgeted deficit/surplus at the beginning of the 20/21 financial year and, according to the most recent figures available to the Finance Department, the likely year end result.
3. The budgeted surplus/deficit in the approved Long Term Financial Plan for each of the following financial years:  
2021/22  
2022/23
4. The approved borrowings forecast at the beginning of the year and the actual year end total of those borrowings for each of the following financial years:  
2014/15  
2015/16  
2016/17  
2017/18  
2018/19  
2019/20'

## REPLY

1. The below table provides the Operating Position as per the Adopted Budget for each respective year, compared to the Actual Operating Position reported in the Audited Financial Statements.

\$'000s	Adopted Budget Operating Position	Actual Operating Position	Variance	Operating Surplus Ratio (Actual)
2014-15	4,592	9,107	4,515	10%
2015-16	1,644	1,352	(292)	1%
2016-17	(965)	17,294	18,259	8%
2017-18	(6,134)	(17,381)	(11,247)	(9%)
2018-19	(7,333)	(21,256)	(13,923)	(11%)
2019-20	(847)	(19,540)	(18,693)	(10%)

- 1.1. The operating Surplus Ratio expresses the operating surplus / (deficit) as a percentage of overall operating revenue. The *Local Government Act 1999* target is to achieve an average operating surplus ratio between 0% and 15% over any five-year period. As included in the table above, we have incurred 3 consecutive years of negative operating surplus ratio's, and currently forecast to incur a further (21%) in 2020-21. The adopted Long Term Financial Plan (LTFFP) further forecast negative operating surplus ratios until 2023-24 inclusive.
- 1.2. The Operating position based on the 2021-22 Business Plan and Budget parameter included in Item 10.12 within this Agenda forecast an operating surplus ratio of 2%. This factors in the \$20 million permanent ongoing reduction to operating expenditure. Operating surplus ratio is positive in all years presented in this LTFFP from 2021-22.
2. The 2020-21 Business Plan and Budget adopted on the 13 August 2020 forecast an operating deficit of \$36.4 million. The latest revised forecast for 2020-21 as approved by Council on the 10 November 2020 (Item 10.18 – 2020-21 Quarter 1 Finance Report) is an operating deficit of \$39.0 million.

\$'000s	Adopted Budget	Revised Forecast (QF1)	Operating Surplus Ratio
2020-21	(36,411)	(39,009)	(21%)

3. The forecasted operating deficits in the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFFP) adopted by Council on the 13 August 2020 are as follows:

\$'000s	Adopted LTFFP	Operating Surplus Ratio
2021-22	(5,196)	(3%)
2022-23	(5,077)	(2%)

4. The forecasted borrowings as per the Adopted Budget for each respective year, compared to the actual borrowings reported in the Audited Financial Statements are included in the table below. The Administration monitor and manage the cash flow on a daily basis. This prudent management of cash flow has resulted in a favourable position to that forecasted.

\$'000s	Forecast Borrowings	Actual Borrowings
2014-15	51,644	10,500
2015-16	42,271	1,700
2016-17	40,804	-
2017-18	39,163	28,000
2018-19	78,033	41,450
2019-20	66,980	51,600

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# Rate Freeze Impacts on Council Revenue

ITEM 15.3 15/12/2020

Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Martin

2018/04053  
Public

**Contact Officer:**  
Clare Mockler, Deputy CEO &  
Director Culture

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:**

'The Administration has consistently cited the freeze on the rate in the dollar as a factor in the City of Adelaide's financial performance, including in a report in The Advertiser on November 10th, 2020.

Could the Administration advise for each of the financial years in which the freeze in the rate in the dollar has applied:

1. What has been the decrease/increase in rate revenue the City of Adelaide has budgeted and then received?
2. What did this decrease/increase in rate revenue the City of Adelaide budgeted and then received amount to as percentage of overall rate revenue?
3. What percentage of this decrease/increase in revenue the City of Adelaide budgeted and then received can be apportioned to valuation increases in property values for the purposes of increased rating and/or new development?
4. What was the ABS rate for CPI (not the Local Government calculation for CPI) for each of these years?
5. What was the decrease/increase, as a percentage, in rates compared to the CPI for each year and as a total for the period?

## REPLY

1. The table below documents budget vs actual for general rates income over the past 7 years since the rate in the dollar has been frozen.
  - 1.1 Over this entire period, the total amount in general rates budgeted for has been \$679.2m. The amount received over the same period has been \$678.6m, a shortfall of \$574k or 0.08% of total rates received.

Year	Budget (\$'000)	Actual (\$'000)	Variance (\$'000)	Percentage of Actual
2013-2014	\$87,152	\$86,895	-\$257	-0.30%
2014-2015	\$90,080	\$89,675	-\$405	-0.45%
2015-2016	\$93,880	\$93,919	\$39	0.04%
2016-2017	\$95,594	\$95,895	\$301	0.31%
2017-2018	\$98,850	\$98,539	-\$311	-0.32%

2018-2019	\$102,834	\$103,091	\$257	0.25%
2019-2020	\$110,800	\$110,602	-\$198	-0.18%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$679,190</b>	<b>\$678,616</b>	<b>-\$574</b>	<b>-0.08%</b>

2. The increase in the budget each year has generally reflected the uplift in rates from increased valuation of the property base and the growth derived from additions/alterations and new developments. The uplift from additions and new developments, generally results in an increase in service demand.

Year	Budget (\$'000)	Increase in Budget YOY	Uplift Addn/Alts/New Devs	Uplift in Valuations of Base	Total Uplift in Valuations
2013-2014	\$87,152	5.31%	7.20%	-3.50%	3.70%
2014-2015	\$90,080	3.36%	3.00%	3.00%	6.00%
2015-2016	\$93,880	4.22%	3.20%	1.00%	4.20%
2016-2017	\$95,594	1.90%	1.10%	1.10%	2.20%
2017-2018	\$98,850	3.41%	1.90%	1.50%	3.40%
2018-2019	\$102,834	4.03%	2.50%	1.70%	4.20%
2019-2020	\$110,800	7.75%	1.82%	3.79%	5.61%
2020-2021	\$112,795	1.80%	1.30%	0.90%	2.20%

3. The Australian Bureau of Statistics CPI rate as at the December quarter of the prior year is used to develop the current financial year budget.

Year	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21
CPI	2.1%	2.3%	1.7%	1.0%	1.3%	2.3%	1.6%	2.1%

4. The increase in the general rates base due to an uplift in valuations as compared to CPI over the past 7 years is shown in the table below. The cumulative impact of this as previously reported is \$16 m.

Year	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21
CPI	2.10%	2.30%	1.70%	1.00%	1.30%	2.30%	1.60%	2.10%
Rate base increase due to valuations uplift	-3.50%	3.00%	1.00%	1.10%	1.50%	1.70%	3.79%	0.90%

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Council Member  
Councillor Martin2020/01167  
Public**Contact Officer:**  
Clare Mockler, Deputy CEO &  
Director Culture

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:**

'Could the Administration advise :

1. The total funds allocated to the locally run North Adelaide Precinct Association to conduct Christmas in the City event/s?
2. If it has engaged a Melbourne based company which also runs markets in Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra to conduct a Maker's Market at 88 O'Connell Street, North Adelaide on December 18th, 19th and 20th?
3. If so, what was the amount of ratepayer funds paid to the Melbourne based market operator?
4. On how many occasions during the term of this Council has the City of Adelaide entered into agreements with interstate based companies to conduct markets and similar community events?
5. What agreements has the City of Adelaide entered into with interstate based organisations for markets and similar community events for the remainder of the financial year?
6. If such agreements have been entered into why has the Council policy of favouring South Australian businesses and organisations, including the North Adelaide Precinct Association, not been followed?'

## REPLY

1. The North Adelaide Precinct Association was allocated \$2,500 in funding via the 2020 Christmas Incentive Scheme to program live music in O'Connell and Melbourne Streets.
2. There were seven successful applicants who received a total of \$41,325 in funding via the 2020 Christmas Incentive Scheme to activate North Adelaide with three days of maker markets, a community event and a variety of window displays and live music performances.
3. The City of Adelaide has not engaged a Melbourne based company to conduct a Maker's Market at 88 O'Connell Street, North Adelaide on 18, 19 and 20 December.
4. The Makers and Shakers Market which will be held at 88 O'Connell Street on these dates is owned by a South Australian based market operator, trading as We Do Markets and Events Pty Ltd, registered in both South Australia and Victoria.
5. We Do Market and Events Pty Ltd delivers markets nationally, including Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra.
6. The South Australian based company, We Do Markets and Events Pty Ltd, was a successful applicant of the 2020 Christmas Incentive Scheme and received \$20,000 in funding to support the delivery of The Makers and Shakers Market at 88 O'Connell Street on 18, 19 and 20 December.

7. The City of Adelaide has not entered into agreements with interstate-based companies to conduct markets and similar community events during the term of this Council or for the remainder of the 2020/21 financial year.
8. The City of Adelaide has not favoured interstate-based companies over South Australian businesses and organisations. The process of allocating funds to the Christmas Incentive Scheme has met the intent of both Council's existing Procurement Policy and the direction of the proposed Procurement Policy (in development).

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## Commercial Property Vacancies

ITEM 15.5 15/12/2020

Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Martin

2005/03115  
Public

**Contact Officer:**  
Ian Hill, Director Growth

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:**

'Could the Administration advise the vacancy rate for commercial property in:

1. O'Connell Street North Adelaide
2. Melbourne Street North Adelaide
3. CBD City of Adelaide'

## REPLY

1. Current commercial vacancy rate:
  - 1.1. O'Connell Street: 14%
  - 1.2. Melbourne Street: 13%
2. In addition, the Insights dashboard located on the City of Adelaide website contains a report that presents the commercial vacancy rates for a number of key mainstreets from across the City - [Mainstreets analysis | Invest Adelaide \(cityofadelaide.com.au\)](#)
3. The Office Market Report prepared by the Property Council every six months was released in August 2020 and indicated that commercial vacancy rate (office space across the city) sat at 14.2% in July, up from 14% in February 2020. The full impact of Covid-19 is expected to play out over the next 12-18 months.
4. According to a recent survey conducted by the Property Council "*office occupancy in major CBDs is still well below pre-COVID pandemic levels, and most building owners or managers do not expect to see a material increase in CBD office occupancy for three months or longer.*" Adelaide's office occupancy sat at 67% in September.

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**Council Member**  
Councillor Martin

2020/00150  
Public

**Contact Officer:**  
Clare Mockler, Deputy CEO &  
Director Culture

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:**

'Could the Administration formally advise Council, based on the current, approved Long Term Financial Plan (including stated debt repayments and without any unapproved changes or embellishments) in what year the City of Adelaide will repay borrowings forecast at the conclusion of 2020/21 and in what year the City of Adelaide will repay the more than 200 million dollar debt forecast by the end of the decade?'

## REPLY

1. The current borrowings position as approved in the 2020-21 Quarter 1 Revised Forecast (QF1) is \$92.8 million at the end financial year, increasing to \$165.3 million at the end of 2030-31. This level of borrowings is forecast to be repaid as follows:
  - 1.1. The \$92.8 million is forecast to be repaid in the 2040-41 Financial Year
  - 1.2. The \$165.3 million is forecast to be repaid in the 2047-48 Financial Year.

Borrowings are repaid where there is a funding surplus. A funding surplus of \$10 million is forecast beyond the current 10 years reported in the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP). Any future Council decisions to invest in New and Significant Upgrade projects or utilise the Future Fund Reserve may result in additional borrowings required which may extend the repayment period.
2. The Inflation and Interest rate assumptions that underpin the QF1 LTFP require updating based on current market conditions. These revised assumptions were contained in the 2020-21 Business Plan and Budget Workshop held on the 24 November 2020. The implications of the revised market conditions result in forecasted borrowings of \$194.6 million at the end of 2030-31. Based on this level of debt, Council will be within 87% of its Prudential Borrowing Limit, will have limited capacity to respond to emerging priorities and borrowings is forecast to be repaid in 2050-51.
3. The forecast borrowings contained within the 2021-22 Business Plan & Budget – Budget Parameters included in Item 10.12 in the Agenda on the 15 December 2020 is \$89.0 million in 2031-31 and is forecast to be repaid in 2039-40.
4. The borrowings above take into account the underperforming strategic assets identified for divestment within the confidential Item of Council on 14 April 2020 (18.2.3 Strategic Property Review). There are additional strategic property assets which Council may choose to divest in order to further reduce borrowings.
5. Any further divestment of strategic property assets may result in a reduced capacity to leverage borrowings in the future, as one of the ratios used to define the prudential borrowing limit is 50% of total saleable property assets.

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## Lord Mayor's Christmas Party

ITEM 15.7 15/12/2020

Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Martin

2018/04164  
Public

**Contact Officer:**  
Mark Goldstone, Chief  
Executive Officer

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:**

'Adelaide Now reported last week that the City of Adelaide would not host a staff Christmas Party this year, but that the Lord Mayor would hold on December 9<sup>th</sup> a Christmas Luncheon at Town Hall for 100 Emergency Service personnel and community members at a cost of \$15,000 and then a Lord Mayor's Christmas Party at Town Hall on December 16<sup>th</sup> for 100 people at a cost of \$17,000.

Could the Administration advise how many people accepted invitations for the Lord Mayor's Christmas Party (as distinct from the Lord Mayor's Christmas Luncheon) in 2019 and in 2020 and what was the total cost, including staff time, of each event?'

## REPLY

1. The annual Lord Mayor's Christmas Luncheon was held on 9 December 2020 with a focus on reconciliation and acknowledging the life saving work of South Australia's emergency services' personnel, with particular reference to responses to bushfires and COVID-19.
2. A total of 92 guests attended, including Council Members, representatives of emergency services, members of the City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee and Kurna community representatives, and other key stakeholders with whom the City of Adelaide has worked closely with in 2020.
3. As reported, the total budget for the Lord Mayor's Christmas Luncheon was \$15,000, which included \$10,000 for catering.
4. The Lord Mayor's annual Christmas Reception will be held on 16 December 2020.
5. A total of 100 guests are expected to attend, including Council Members and their guests, representatives of resident, precinct and business groups, and other key stakeholders with whom the City of Adelaide has worked closely with in 2020.
6. As reported, the total budget for the Lord Mayor's Christmas Reception is \$17,000, which includes \$7,000 for catering.
7. In 2019, the Lord Mayor's Christmas Luncheon had a focus on the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's suffrage.
8. 100 guests accepted invitations and the total cost was \$18,500, which included \$10,000 for catering.

9. Approximately 500 guests accepted invitations for the 2019 Lord Mayor's Christmas Reception, for which the total cost was \$51,917, including \$22,213 for catering.
10. It is not possible to provide an accurate cost for staff time in planning and delivering these particular events, which form part of an overall annual civic recognition program.

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## Lord Mayoral Transport

**ITEM 15.8** 15/12/2020  
**Council**

**Council Member**  
Councillor Martin

2018/04164  
Public

**Contact Officer:**  
Mark Goldstone, Chief  
Executive Officer

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:**

'Noting that the Lord Mayor told ABC Radio 891 last week that she had a new electric vehicle, could the Administration advise;

1. Was any EV purchased by the City of Adelaide for the use of the Lord Mayor?
2. If the EV was purchased or leased by the City of Adelaide for the use of the Lord Mayor, what was the purchase price or total lease cost, together with the cost of home or other location charging systems?
3. Will the Lord Mayor also continue to use hire taxis and other hire vehicles with drivers to carry the Lord Mayor to events attended on behalf of Council and who often wait outside events until the Lord Mayor is ready to leave?
4. What was the cost of all taxis, hire vehicles (including uber vehicles with drivers on waiting time) and other vehicles to convey the Lord Mayor on Council business in the 2019/20 financial year?'

## REPLY

1. No – the Lord Mayor recently purchased an electric car as her own personal vehicle at her own expense.
2. There have been no associated costs borne by the City of Adelaide.
3. The Lord Mayor uses a mix of taxis, Ubers and hire cars for transport as required for official Council business, but primarily walks or uses the free tram service within the Adelaide CBD.
4. The cost of all taxi, Uber and hire car services (including driver costs) used by the Lord Mayor for official Council business in 2019/20 was \$16,052.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 4.5 hours.
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# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment at the City of Adelaide

**ITEM 15.9** 15/12/2020  
**Council**

**Council Member**  
Councillor Martin

2019/00551  
Public

**Contact Officer:**  
Clare Mockler, Deputy CEO &  
Director Culture

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:**

'Could the administration advise how many staff members engaged through Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander recruitment programs have:

1. Have had their positions impacted by the current restructure?
2. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders have left the organisation since January 2020?
3. What is the City of Adelaide Stretch Reconciliation target for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment measured against the percentage of these staff currently employed at the City of Adelaide?'

## REPLY

1. There have been 3 employees who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander whose positions have been impacted by Reshaping our Organisation.
2. There have been 2 employees who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander who have left the organisation since January 2020 – one through Reshaping our Organisation.
3. The City of Adelaide target for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment as articulated in our Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan is 2% and the current percentage sits at 1.1% (excluding casual employees).

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 4 hours.
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## CoA Eateries

ITEM 17.7 15/12/2020  
Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Moran

VS2020/5827  
Public

**Contact Officer:**  
Ian Hill, Director Growth

## MOTION ON NOTICE

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

That Council:

1. Notes and recognises the fallout affecting local restaurants from the Corona Virus restrictions;
2. Notes that the Marshall Government has just announced from 5 January a second round of its Great State Vouchers which includes \$100 vouchers for use at participating CBD and North Adelaide stays;
3. Asks the Lord Mayor to urgently contact the State Government with the offer of Council issuing vouchers (of a yet to be determined amount) to be offered along with some of the Great State Vouchers for use at restaurants or eateries/cafes within the City of Adelaide.

## ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. The City of Adelaide has 1064 business that fall under the Accommodation and Food Services category as per the Australian Bureau of Statistics. These businesses have been affected by restrictions imposed to respond to COVID-19 including:
  - 1.1 The number of city workers now working from home or spending less time in city offices.
  - 1.2 Density restrictions of patrons within premises.
  - 1.3 Border closures affecting interstate and international visitor numbers.
2. If the Motion is adopted, we will advocate for an extension of the Great State Voucher offer managed by the State Government to include City of Adelaide based tourism experiences and hospitality providers. This is already occurring at officer level.
3. To support the expansion of the offer, funding through a budget reprioritisation as part of the 2020/21 Quarter 2 Revised Forecast would be required.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:

Public consultation

Not applicable

External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable
Budget reallocation	If the Motion is supported and Council approves providing funding to the State Government, this will need to be funded through a reprioritisation of funds identified through the 2020/21 Quarter 2 Revised Forecast
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 4 hours.

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# Aquatic Centre

ITEM 17.8 15/12/2020  
Council

Council Member  
Councillor Khera

VS2020/3134  
Public

Contact Officer:  
Ian Hill, Director Growth

## MOTION ON NOTICE

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

'That Council:

noting the unsustainable and ongoing operating loss of the Aquatic Centre over the 2020 calendar year, ceases the operation of the Aquatic Centre by the end of March 2021, for an indefinite period or until a decision of chamber for a re-commencement of operation.'

## ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. The permanent closure of Adelaide Aquatic Centre in March 2021 would result in an average favourable cash impact of \$21M over the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP). This favourable position assumes the demolition of the facility to achieve savings from operations and the forecasted expenditure on the renewal and replacement of assets. This also includes the costs to return the site to grassed parklands and maintain the grounds into the future as well as staff transition costs.
2. Based on the current assumptions in the LTFP the permanent closure of the centre in March 2021 would have an unfavourable impact to the operating surplus / (deficit) in the LTFP of circa \$2.5M. This is predominantly driven by the accounting treatment requiring the write-off of the asset value, this results in a non-cash impact of \$19M.
3. If Council resolves to temporarily close the centre, it is estimated that there will be an annual cost of circa \$1M to maintain plant and to ensure no permanent degradation of assets over the period. This is a financial outcome that is comparable to the current forecast operating loss in FY21/22.
4. Temporary closure would require us to seek redeployment options for our permanent staff members, where possible, given we do not have stand down provisions that would apply. If we were unable to redeploy staff, transition costs of circa \$1.5M may be incurred. Retaining staff during a temporary closure would result in an additional expense of circa \$2M annually over and above the \$1M in maintenance.
5. Temporarily closing the Centre on 31 March 2021, would result in an End of Year deficit position of circa \$2.85M.
6. The adopted budget as of 1 July 2020 reflected an operating deficit of \$2.76M, noting the centre did not open until the 3 August 2020, under restricted conditions due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

7. As at the end of November 2020, the overall financial position is \$571K favourable to the endorsed budget position. This has predominantly been achieved through resource efficiencies and increased swim school revenue.
8. Patronage to the centre in FY20/21 is expected to be 400-500K due to the impacts of COVID-19 restrictions. It is expected that in FY21/22 patronage will return to level comparable to pre-pandemic which were circa 700K.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	The community has indicated it wishes to continue to be provided with Aquatic and Recreational Services as per the 'Needs Analysis' findings. It would be recommended that if Council resolves to either close on a temporary or permanent basis the Community are engaged as part of this process.
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (e.g. contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable
Budget reallocation	Council recognises the increased operating deficit and the potential resource costs associated with a temporary or permanent closure.
Capital investment	Costs associated with a permanent closure need to take regard to demolition and remediation of the Park Lands circa \$7M and the removal of renewal costs of \$14M
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.

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## North South Bikeway

ITEM 17.10 15/12/2020  
Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Martin

2018/04053  
Public

**Contact Officer:**  
Klinton Devenish, Director  
Place

## MOTION ON NOTICE

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

That Council:

1. Noting the debate about expending remaining State Government Bikeway funding for an East West route, acknowledges that the North South Bikeway agreement with the State Government has not been fulfilled with construction of the following sections of the latter not yet started;  
  
Rundle Street to North Terrace  
North Terrace to Victoria Drive  
Victoria Drive to War Memorial Drive  
Melbourne Street/Brougham Street to Le Fevre Tce, and
2. Requests the Administration present Council with plans for completion of the North South Bikeway, along with proposals for the funding of the project.

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## ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. Work on the North-South Bikeway is proceeding as follows:
  - 1.1. Brougham Gardens (Melbourne Street to Lefevre Terrace): Design work is complete. Construction will commence in early 2021.
  - 1.2. War Memorial Drive (wombat crossing): Design work is well underway and expected to be completed before the end of 2020. Construction will commence in early 2021.
  - 1.3. Albert Bridge (southern footpath widening): Design work is underway. Construction to commence in mid-2021.
  - 1.4. Frome Road (shared use path between Albert Bridge and Victoria Drive): Design work is underway. Construction will commence in mid-2021.
  - 1.5. Frome Road (Victoria Drive – North Terrace): Design work is underway. Construction will commence in early 2021.

- 1.6. Frome Street (North Terrace – Rundle Street): Design work is on hold. Construction cannot be undertaken whilst adjacent private development sites extend into the roadway.
2. We are continuing to work with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport to extend the funding deed.
3. Should this motion be endorsed, further details, including drawings, maps and funding details, of the planned bikeway can be provided.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Not applicable
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable
Budget reallocation	Not applicable
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 4 hours.

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