

Aquatic Centre

ITEM 15.1 08/02/2022
Council

Council Member
Councillor Couros

VS2020/3134
Public

Contact Officer:
Tom McCready, Director City
Services

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Noting previous decisions of Council, including at the meetings of 11 February 2020, 13 April 2021 and 12 October 2021, can the administration provide an update on the progress of funding discussions for a new Adelaide Aquatic & Wellbeing Centre with State and Federal Government and neighbouring Councils?'

REPLY

1. The Lord Mayor and administration have had numerous discussions with the Premier, State and Federal Ministers and relevant departments requesting funding support for a new Adelaide Aquatic & Wellbeing Centre.
2. This has included putting in a submission for funding ahead of the upcoming State and Federal elections, and a submission for funding through Infrastructure SA.
3. Discussions with both the State and Federal Governments have been positive but to date no formal funding commitment has been provided.
4. The Lord Mayor has also had discussions about possible funding contributions with neighbouring Councils. While there is in-principle support for a new Adelaide Aquatic & Wellbeing Centre from neighbouring Mayors, there has been no commitment for funding to date
5. The Lord Mayor and administration will continue to advocate and seek external funding for a new Adelaide Aquatic & Wellbeing Centre.

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Addressing Rundle Mall Review Findings

ITEM 15.2 08/02/2022
Council

Council Member
Councillor Martin

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Public

Contact Officer:
Clare Mockler, Chief Executive Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Noting the findings of the performance review instigated by the Adelaide Economic Development Agency and undertaken by KPMG in October 2021, into the efficiency and efficacy of the Rundle Mall Program, could the Administration advise what steps have been taken to address the 21 findings shown in the Summary of Key Recommendations, including but not limited to:

1. Reviewing the current mix of expertise on the Board and considering the appointment of a new member with proven and extensive contemporary retail experience.
2. Appointing a visionary Rundle Mall leader as the key driver and voice of the Precinct for levy payers, key stakeholders and customers.
3. The need for insightful and clear performance targets and measures in the Rundle Mall Management Plan.
4. The duplication of costs as a result of AEDA and the Council having their own separate marketing and events units.
5. Stakeholder concerns of a failure by Council and AEDA to consult, the continuing impact of customer parking costs on businesses and the perceived lack of security personnel.
6. Review and revise outsourced service provider arrangements such as consultant and digital services.'

REPLY

1. The AEDA Board has access to considerable retail experience and knowledge through the recently established Advisory Committee. There is also a Board vacancy and the KPMG report will be taken into consideration when expressions of interest go out in this month.
2. There has been a senior manager acting in the role with the responsibility of managing the Rundle Mall Program since the resignation of the previous Manager. Recruitment for a new manager will commence shortly.
3. Development of the AEDA Business Plan for 2022-23 is underway and will be shared with Council through the 2022/23 Business Plan and Budget process. It will include clear objectives and KPIs for the Rundle Mall Program.
4. The City of Adelaide and AEDA have different marketing remits. Cross promotion occurs when the marketing is relevant to the various audiences.

5. Since the formation of AEDA there have been multiple stakeholder sessions held with levy payers. The Rundle Mall Program also meets with levy payers individually or collectively on a wide range of issues including parking, security, marketing and activations. Rundle Mall was named the Retail Precinct of the Year in 2021 by the National Retail Association.
6. The implementation plan to address the KPMG recommendations will consider outsourced service provider arrangements.

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Central Market Arcade Tenants

ITEM 15.3 08/02/2022

Council

Council Member
Councillor Martin

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Public

Contact Officer:
Tom McCready, Director City
Services

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Could the Administration advise if it requires tenants who must vacate the Central Market Arcade ahead of its demolition whether it has recently or currently requires those vacating before June, 2022 to make good or return their premises to the condition of the premises at the time of the commencement of their original lease?'

REPLY

1. In general terms, a Central Market Arcade tenant's Memorandum of Lease sets out the tenant's make good requirements as follows:
 - 1.1. remove from the premises all stock and loose chattels, plant and equipment belonging to the tenant
 - 1.2. remove all signage internal and external
 - 1.3. if the tenant elects to remove any other items of the tenant's property, the tenant is not required to make good any damage caused by the removal
 - 1.4. leave the premises in a safe and secure condition.
2. As per the above conditions there are no obligations for the tenants to return the lease premises to its original condition, however we will ask tenants to remove those items that they wish to retain.
3. We gave Notice to all tenants on 7 December 2021 to receive vacant possession on 27 June 2022. We are meeting with tenants individually to work through the application of the above make good provisions with the aim to minimise impacts and costs where possible.

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Covid Care for Returning Indoor Workforce

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Council

Council Member
Councillor Martin

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Contact Officer:
Clare Mockler, Chief Executive
Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Noting the State Government has instructed 25% of its workforce to their offices and is encouraging employers to likewise, could the Administration advise for the week beginning 31 January 2022:

1. What percentage of the total number of indoor and outdoor staff employed in whatever form by the City of Adelaide were working at the Colonel Light Centre and at all other indoor locations
2. When did the City of Adelaide adopt measures used by the State Public service for limiting the spread of Covid including;
 - i) The wearing of masks?
 - ii) Appropriate distancing, including indoor workspace occupation of no more than 1 person per 4 square metres?
 - iii) Encouraging breaks outdoors rather than in offices/kitchens/dining areas?
3. If the City of Adelaide did not adopt the measures in 2 above when will it? '

REPLY

1. It is the responsibility of the CEO to meet all obligations to City of Adelaide employees under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2012* (WHS Act). The City of Adelaide has continued to deliver on this throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. As an employer, the City of Adelaide has followed all COVID safe directives from SA Health. Due to the diverse nature of our organisation, this has meant implementing different levels of restrictions at different times.
3. On behalf of the Council Incident Management Team (CIMT), Council's Commander continues to provide regular communication to all staff which includes specific directions, as well as tips for minimising the spread of COVID, maintaining a safe workplace, and a focus on mental wellbeing.
4. Noting that density and physical distancing requirements set by SA Health did not extend to all of our worksites, all City of Adelaide sites have been proactively and regularly reviewed throughout the pandemic to ensure they meet and/or exceed appropriate distancing requirements.
5. There have been a variety of measures introduced to keep our workplace safe and minimise the spread of COVID, most of which have been in place for many months.

6. Initiatives such as reminding staff to be mindful of physical space, managing the capacity of people in meeting rooms/lifts, encouraging meetings to be conducted online where possible, maintaining good cleaning and hygiene practices, and a range of wellbeing and self-help tools and tips have been regularly communicated to staff, dating back to March 2020.
7. The wearing of masks has been required when working in indoor public places where face-to-face interactions with the public occurs since July 2021. While not mandated, the wearing of masks in other indoor settings more broadly has also been regularly encouraged to staff since July, and continues to be.
8. In support of the Premier's announcement on 27th December regarding working from home, staff that were able to work from home while still meeting operational requirements were encouraged to do so.
9. On 28 January staff were encouraged to begin returning to their work sites, with an approach that would facilitate this while balancing the specific needs of our teams and our people. At all times we have focused on providing safe work environments for those unable to work from home, either for operational or personal reasons.
10. An accurate percentage of staff working on-site across all indoor locations on any given day is difficult to provide.
11. The figures change on a daily basis and are impacted not only by those working remotely, but by a number of factors including those on annual/personal leave, part time and casual staff arrangements and rostered days off.

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New Gravel Surface on Park Lands

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Council

Council Member
Councillor Martin

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Public

Contact Officer:
Tom McCready, Director City
Services

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Noting the Administration response to Question on Notice 15.5 on 27 January 2022 at 1.3, could the Administration advise:

1. Why it was necessary to gravel an area which was previously grassed?
2. What is the square metre area of gravel and will be it added to the Council's Park Lands hard surface records?
3. Will signage be added to ensure only "season pass holders, staff and suppliers" use the area or is the Administration content for members of the general public to also park in the newly gravelled area?'

REPLY

1. The area to the south of the entrance road to the North Adelaide Golf Course clubhouse (holding approximately 20 vehicles) suffered significant washout damage after large rainfall in late 2021. The area required repair (completed November 2021) to be safe which included applying rubble to the western/lower section where repeated washouts were a reoccurring issue.
2. Prior to the November 2021 repair the area was not grassed. The area was a low-quality soil consisting of various soil types including loam, rubble and mulch due to the repeated washout and repairs. The surface bore moderate weed coverage in winter and no coverage through the warmer periods.
3. The decision to apply additional rubble, noting this was only done in the western/lower section covering approximately 100m², was to improve safety and provide a longer period before any subsequent repair is required.
4. Usage and demand at North Adelaide Golf Course has more than doubled from that experienced 2 years ago. As a consequence, the demand and utilisation of parking availability for the Course has significantly increased with flow on constraints for other stakeholders in the area including residents.
5. To manage the impacts in line with stakeholder feedback and expectations we are utilising all parking areas as efficiently as possible whilst continuing to minimise Park Lands Parking.

6. Consistent with the CLMP, all the parking areas will be managed to provide availability for users of the golf courses and restrict usage that is inconsistent with the CLMP. Additional signage to better manage parking has recently been ordered/installed, however current usage in this area is consistent with the intended outcome. Any updates to car parking controls/locations will be made in the required Park Lands records as and when needed.
7. The significant increase in demand and the identified constraint is currently under review as part of the future planning for the North Adelaide Golf Course clubhouse and carpark renewal. Detailed information regarding parking and any potential options to improve its management in line with the CLMP will be brought back to APLA and Council for consideration.

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