

Councillor Martin - QoN - Rates New Developments

Tuesday, 28 April 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Phillip Martin

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Could the Administration advise the total dollar amount received from all categories of new developments so far this financial year and the dollar amount expected to be collected from the Central Market redevelopment in 26/27 and subsequently in the 27/28 financial year?'

REPLY

1. The value of general rates raised (excluding rate rebates) on newly developed properties rated from 1 July 2025 for the 2025/26 financial year is shown below.

Property Type	General Rates Raised
Residential	\$730,437*
Commercial Shops	\$143,910
Commercial Offices	\$344,733
Commercial Other	\$4,121
Additions and alterations	\$782,724
Total	\$2,005,925

* Includes approx. \$290,000 from dwellings in 88 O'Connell Street

2. Rates growth attributed to the Central Market Arcade Redevelopment (CMAR) have been incorporated into the Long Term Financial Plan from the 2027/28 financial year, with projected revenue of \$1.275m. This is an estimate only, based on the assumptions and projections contained in the original business case for the redevelopment.
3. The CMAR is due for completion during the 2026-27 financial year.
4. Properties within the redevelopment are currently being established in Council's property and rating system. Valuations for rating purposes have not yet been received.
5. Rating of these properties will commence in the 2026/27 financial year once valuations and ownership transfers are finalised.

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Councillor Martin - QoN - Adelaide Fashion Week

Tuesday, 28 April 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Phillip Martin

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Could the Administration advise:

1. What the budget Council and AEDA have allocated to Adelaide Fashion Week in each of the past 3 financial years, the percentage of any decrease or increase and the quantum and percentage increase proposed for the 26/27 Draft Budget?
2. Why an external public relations entity was engaged by AEDA to undertake PR tasks for Adelaide Fashion Week in the 25/26 financial year, the number of occasions in the past three years on which an external contractor has been engaged for Adelaide Fashion Week, the number of tender processes that accompanied such engagements and the total budget amount allocated to the external provider/s?

REPLY

1. Adelaide Fashion Week budget for the past three years has been:
 - 1.1. 2023/24 \$300k
 - 1.2. 2024/25 \$310k
 - 1.3. 2025/26 \$489k
2. This is a 63% increase over that period. When preparing the 2025/26 budget, the AEDA Board acknowledged the increased investment required to deliver a professional event that showcases Adelaide's fashion industry and provides a focus on the City as a place for fashion retail activity.
3. The proposed budget in 2026-27 is \$502k representing an increase of 2.6% on 2025-26.
4. A public relations firm with specific expertise in supporting fashion events was engaged in 2023/24, 2024/25, and 2025/26 to complement the in-house public relations and marketing work undertaken by AEDA.
5. External suppliers are used to support event delivery of specialist expertise that AEDA does not employ in-house. These could be for items such as specialist PR or event management.
6. Council's Procurement Policy allows for the establishment of preferred supplier panels following an open tender process.

7. An open tender process (T2023/0032) closed in July 2023 and invited potential suppliers (of services, including advertising, event management and PR) to submit proposals for consideration to be included on Council's panel. 18 submissions were received and suppliers were evaluated against relevant criteria. Based on the results of the evaluation process, nine suppliers were successful in being added to a panel and offered standing supply contracts for a two plus one year period.
8. The external PR company engaged for Adelaide Fashion Week in 2025/26, and to be engaged in 2026/27, is on the preferred supplier panel.
9. The total budget allocated to the contractor for PR Services over the last three financial years is \$42,297 (\$12,297 in 2023/24, \$15,000 in 2024/25 and 2025/26).

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Councillor Martin - QoN - Lohrman Street

Tuesday, 28 April 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Phillip Martin

Public

Contact Officer:
Tom McCready, Director City Infrastructure

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'At the meeting of Council on April 14th in answer to a question on notice about the completion or otherwise of motions on notice and without notice, the Administration advised in respect of the motion on notice of 11/11/25 works for Lohrman Street are being progressed. What are the specific solutions proposed and what is the most reasonable assessment of the timeframes for the completion of the works?'

REPLY

1. Council at its meeting on 11 November 2025 resolved:

"That Council

Noting there have been resident and pedestrian concerns about south bound vehicles diverting from O'Connell Street to Tynte Street through Lohrman Street (especially late at night), ask the Administration to monitor traffic on Lohrman Street with a view to recommending to Council, as necessary, any changes to improve public safety and residential amenity."

2. A traffic management survey on Lohrman Street commenced on 27 April 2026, upon commencement of the school term, to capture more accurate data.
3. The traffic management survey will assist in providing information and data to better understand traffic volumes, vehicle impact and associated travel speeds at different times of the day and week.
4. The results and any mitigation strategies considered to be necessary will be provided to Council Members via E-News, which is anticipated to be completed by June 2026.

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Councillor Freeman - QoN - Resident Voice in Decision-Making

Tuesday, 28 April 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Eleanor Freeman

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Eleanor Freeman will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Can the Administration confirm and detail how a "resident voice" has been represented in the City of Adelaide's decision-making over the past 10-year period, including (but not limited to) resident representation within Council's:

- Committees, boards, subsidiaries or decision-making bodies
- Precinct groups or community groups
- Targeted forums, round-tables or events
- Dedicated roles within Council's organisational structure
- Regular performance reporting or service evaluation

In their response, can the Administration please distinguish between:

- Resident types (e.g. ratepaying owner-occupier/owner-investor, renting voter/non-voter)
- Dwelling types (e.g. detached/semi-detached house, unit, apartment/strata, student accommodation, community housing)?'

REPLY

1. While elected Council Members are a primary voice of residents, representing community views in decision-making and ensuring local priorities, concerns, and aspirations are reflected in Council's strategic direction, policy development, and service delivery, there are many other channels and forums through which CoA gathers resident input to shape decision making. The list below describes the key resident engagement and feedback forums.

Public consultations

2. The primary avenue for a resident voice in Council's decision making is the Council public consultation process. In the current term of Council, major consultations have been conducted for key strategic documents and decisions including:

Project Name	Closed	Visitors	Submissions
Business Plan and Budget 2023/24	8/6/2023	3201	349
Strategic Plan 2024-2028	20/11/2023	890	18
Asset Management Plans	10/5/2024	3755	29
City Plan - Stage 1	8/4/2024	1250	36
Business Plan and Budget 2024/25	19/5/2024	1962	88
City Plan - Stage 2	16/7/2024	1033	115
Long Term financial Plan 2024/25 - 2033/34	20/10/2024	524	73
Integrated Transport Strategy (stage 1 - ideas for discussion)	2/12/2024	1554	513
Integrated Transport Strategy - Stage 2 (consultation on strategy)	25/5/2025	1268	196
Business Plan and Budget 2025/26	27/5/2025	5478	110
Long Term Financial Plan 2025/26 - 2034/35	4/11/2025	553	31

3. As part of our public consultations, we include a Yes or No response question if respondents are residents of the City of Adelaide.

Our Adelaide website

4. Launched on 1 July 2024 Our Adelaide is a collective space where every member of our community can contribute to the conversation about our city's future. It also enables a more localised or 'place-based' approach to engaging with our community. This refreshed community engagement approach aims to develop stronger connections with the broader community and elevate the voice of residents.

Neighbourhood Portals on Our Adelaide website

5. These are a new structure to support building and nurturing relationships in five neighbourhoods with residents and community members. Further development of the neighbourhood portals has been paused while awaiting the outcomes of the precinct review, which will guide how this structure could proceed along with further consideration of ongoing resourcing to support the structure.

Main Street Precinct groups

6. Council supports seven funded precinct groups to deliver economic outcomes. These are mostly business-led but some have resident memberships and the Precinct Groups are collectively represented on the AEDA Advisory Committee. A new precinct support program is being finalised based on Council's approval of a funding model at its meeting on 27 January 2026.

Neighbour Day | City of Adelaide

7. Attended by staff and Council Members, which is an opportunity to convey issues and concerns expressed by residents.

Customer Collective

8. Administration has recently established the Customer Collective, a structured feedback forum enabling ongoing resident input into service design. It has 181 active participants. The Collective is being used to test ideas, validate assumptions, and inform priority initiatives, including the Customer Charter and Channel Preference Strategy.

Voice of Customer

9. Council's Voice of Customer program captures quantitative and qualitative feedback, including Customer Satisfaction and Customer Ease/Engagement, to measure experience and ease of interaction. It captures residents' and non-residents' feedback. Insights are analysed through an enterprise platform, enabling trend tracking and use of verbatim feedback to inform continuous service improvement.

Resident and community associations

- 10. While they are not formal “Resident Voice” forums, existing resident and community associations hold regular meetings, self-govern, and are generally directly approached by Administration to provide collective submissions to our formal consultations on behalf of their members.

Longitudinal Research Studies

- 11. Dedicated research surveys provide longitudinal insight, including the Biennial Resident Survey (since 2019) and the Annual City User Profile, which includes a resident cohort. The 2024 Resident Survey collected information from respondents on Home ownership and Property description.

Representations to Council Assessment Panel

- 12. Approximately 90% of public representation heard by the Council Assessment Panel (CAP) is from residents. Of the 49 representations heard by CAP in 2025, 46 were City Residents.

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