



CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes

for the meeting on

Tuesday, 21 July 2026

in the Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall

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Present – Councillor Dr Siebentritt (Chair)

Councillor Maher (Deputy Chair)

Acting Lord Mayor Councillor Noon and Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Cabada, Couros,
Freeman, Martin and Snape

1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair stated:

‘The City of Adelaide acknowledges the Kaurna People of the Adelaide Plains as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today.

We acknowledge and honour their spiritual and cultural stewardship of this Country and recognise their deep and enduring relationship with its lands, waters, the sky, and all living things.

We pay our respects to Kaurna Elders past and present and recognise the important role of emerging leaders in sustaining and strengthening culture.’

2 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Apology:

Councillor Giles

Leave of Absence -

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith

3 Confirmation of Minutes - 16/6/2026

Moved by Councillor Maher,

Seconded by Acting Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 June 2026, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Freeman declared a general conflict of interest in Item 7.2 [Review of Council Delegations], pursuant to Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) as delegations under the *Road Traffic Act* concern the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT), which is her primary employer, but that she would stay in the room, participate in the discussion and vote on the matter.

Councillor Couros entered the Colonel Light Room at 5.32 pm.

5 Deputations

Nil

6 Workshops

6.1 2026/27 to 2035/36 Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)

Discussion Facilitators:

Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

Mitch Woods, Associate Director Finance and Procurement

Nicole Van Berkel, Manager Financial Planning and Reporting

Precis of Topic:

To outline and seek feedback from Council Members on the roadmap, key assumptions, parameters and levers for updating the 2026/27 Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP).

During the discussion:

- Councillor Abrahamzadeh left the Colonel Light Room at 6.01 pm and re-entered at 6.15 pm.
- Councillor Maher left the Colonel Light Room at 6.41 pm and re-entered at 6.44 pm.
- Councillor Freeman left the Colonel Light Room at 6.44 pm and re-entered at 6.47 pm.

Undertaking – LTFP – New and Upgraded Capital Budget

In response to the meeting, an undertaking was given to provide Council Members with an E-news to reconcile the movements in the new and upgraded Capital Budget for 2026/27.

Undertaking – LTPF - Cash Flow for Operations Ratio

In response to the meeting, an undertaking was given to provide further advice around the consequence of the temporary drop in Cash Flow from Operations Ratio and what would be needed to get it back into the green (referenced on slide 26 of presentation).

7 Reports for Recommendation to Council

7.1 Council Member Behavioural Policy Review

Discussion ensued

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Acting Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon -

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the interim review of the Council Member Behavioural Policy as at 30 June 2026 contained within this report on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 July 2026.

Carried unanimously

7.2 Review of Council Delegations

Discussion ensued

Undertaking – Review of Council Delegations – Presentation of information

In response to Councillor Maher, an undertaking was given that the Associate Director Governance and Strategy will liaise with Councillor Maher to discuss options on how the changes from previous versions of delegations are presented to Committee.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Cabada -

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Resolves to grant the delegation of powers and functions of the Council as provided for in the attached instrument of delegation (Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 July 2026).

Such powers may be further delegated by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with section 44 and 101 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) as the Chief Executive Officer sees fit, unless indicated herein or in the Schedule of conditions contained in each proposed Instrument of Delegation.

Adelaide Economic Development Agency

2. Resolves to grant the delegation of powers and functions as provided for in the attached instrument of delegation (Attachment B to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 July 2026), exercising the powers contained in section 44 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency subject to the conditions and/or limitations, if any, specified herein or in the proposed instrument of Delegation.

Road Traffic Act 1961 (SA) General Approval

3. Resolves to grant the sub-delegation of powers under the *Road Traffic Act 1961* (SA) as provided for in the attached instrument of delegation (Attachment C to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 July 2026)
4. Approves in accordance with the Instrument of General Approval and Delegation to Council (dated 22 August 2013) from the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure (General Approval), the following person(s) pursuant to Clause A.7 of the General Approval to endorse Traffic Impact Statements for the purposes of Clause A of the General Approval provided that such person(s) shall take into account the matters specified in Clause A.7 of the General Approval in respect of Traffic Impact Statements:
 - 4.1. Justine Austin
 - 4.2. Penelope Bennett
 - 4.3. Sean Howie
 - 4.4. Amber Barnes
5. Approves, in accordance with Clause A.7 of the General Approval, that the Council is of the opinion that the following person(s) is/are experienced traffic engineering practitioner(s) for the purposes of preparing a Traffic Impact Statement as required by Clause A.7 of the General Approval:
 - 5.1. Justine Austin
 - 5.2. Jarrod Armitage
 - 5.3. Amber Barnes
 - 5.4. Penelope Bennett
 - 5.5. Christian Bias
 - 5.6. Sean Howie
 - 5.7. Darren Mitchell
 - 5.8. Amy Smith
6. Approves, in accordance with Clause A.7 of the General Approval, that the Council is of the opinion that the following person(s) is/are experienced traffic engineering practitioner(s) for the purposes of preparing a Traffic Impact Statement as required by Clause A.7 of the General Approval (Limited to the install, removal and maintenance of On-Street parking):
 - 6.1. Aaron Barnes
 - 6.2. Shaun Coulls
7. Approves In accordance with Clause E.2 of the General Approval, the Council is of the opinion that the following person(s) has (have) an appropriate level of knowledge and expertise in the preparation of Traffic Management Plans:
 - 7.1. Justine Austin
 - 7.2. Jarrod Armitage
 - 7.3. Amber Barnes
 - 7.4. Penelope Bennett
 - 7.5. Christian Bias
 - 7.6. Sean Howie
 - 7.7. Darren Mitchell
 - 7.8. Amy Smith

Carried unanimously

8 Reports for Noting

Nil

9 Exclusion of the Public

Moved by Councillor Cabada,
Seconded by Councillor Martin -

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

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 City Finance and Governance Committee dated 21 July 2026 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 10.1 [Delegation to Award Variation to Contract (Torrens Weir Gate Refurbishment)] 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 is commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to identify the proponent and to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting business and prejudice the commercial position of the council, with the potential to confer a commercial advantage to a third party competitor of a person with whom the council is conducting business.

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' negotiation with the proponent 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 and in relation to other contract negotiations.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee dated 21 July 2026 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 10.1 [Delegation to Award Variation to Contract (Torrens Weir Gate Refurbishment)] 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 unanimously

Members of the public and corporation staff not involved with Item 10.1 left the Colonel Light Room at 6.58 pm.

- 10. Confidential Reports for Recommendation to Council**
- 10.1 Delegation to Award Variation to Contract (Torrens Weir Gate Refurbishment) [s 90(3) [(b) & (d)]**

The meeting reopened to the public at 7.03 pm.

Item 10.1 – Delegation to Award Variation to Contract (Torrens Weir Gate Refurbishment) [s 90(3) [(b) & (d)]

Confidentiality Order

Authorises that, in accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and because Item 10.1 [Delegation to Award Variation to Contract (Torrens Weir Gate Refurbishment)] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 July 2026 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3) (b) and (d) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), this meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee 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 2032.
2. The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in June 2027.
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.

Closure

The meeting closed at 7.03 pm

Councillor Dr Siebentritt
City Finance and Governance Committee Chair

Documents Attached:

Nil