



CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes

for the meeting on

Tuesday, 18 August 2026

in the Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall

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Present – The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith
Councillor Dr Siebentritt (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon and Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Cabada, Couros, Freeman,
Giles, 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

Leave of Absence:

Councillor Maher

Councillor Snape entered the Colonel Light Room at 6.42 pm

3 Confirmation of Minutes - 21/7/2026

Moved by Councillor Freeman,

Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 July 2026, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

5 Deputations

Nil

6 Workshops

Nil

7 Reports for Recommendation to Council

7.1 2025/26 Business Plan & Budget: Q4 Update

Theo Maras, Chair and Fabienne Reilly, General Manager, Adelaide Central Market Authority, addressed the meeting.

Greg Ratsch, General Manager, Adelaide Economic Development Agency addressed the meeting.

Discussion ensued

Undertaking - 2025/26 Business Plan & Budget: Q4 Update

In response to queries from Council Members, undertakings were given to provide Council Members with:

- A picture of the new Christmas Tree
- A breakdown of the cost of the coordinated approach for Christmas decorations across the City, including previous years spend
- Information on the Christmas Action Plan and plans for south of Victoria Square.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Cabada,
Seconded by the Lord Mayor -

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives the City of Adelaide 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget Quarter 4 Update as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 18 August 2026.
2. Receives the Council Subsidiary Quarter 4 updates as contained as Attachments B, C, and D to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 18 August 2026.
3. Notes results presented are estimates only and subject to completion of the external audit.
4. Notes the audited annual financial statements will be presented to the Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 23 September 2026.
5. Notes the audited financial statements will be presented to the City Finance and Governance Committee at its meeting scheduled for 20 October 2026 and the Council at its meeting scheduled for 27 October 2026.

Carried unanimously

7.2 2026/27 to 2035/36 Long Term Financial Plan - Draft for Public Consultation

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Martin -

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the Draft 2026/27 - 2035/36 Long Term Financial Plan contained in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee on 18 August 2026, for the purpose of public consultation.
2. Notes the long term financial sustainability of the Draft 2026/27 - 2035/36 Long Term Financial Plan based on the adopted assumptions.
3. Approves a 21 day Public consultation period in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 (SA), commencing at 9:00am on Wednesday 26 August 2026 and concluding 11:59pm on Tuesday 15 September 2026.
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary changes to the Draft 2026-36 Long Term Financial Plan document arising from this meeting, together with any editorial amendments and finalisation of the document's formatting and graphic design.

Discussion ensued

Councillor Martin called a Point of Order in relation to Councillor Couros using derogatory language.

The Chair noted the Point of Order and asked Councillor Couros to use appropriate language.

Carried

7.3 Draft Community Engagement Policy

Moved by the Lord Mayor,
Seconded by Councillor Snape -

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the feedback received on the draft Community Engagement Policy as contained in Attachment B to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 18 August 2026.

2. Adopts the Community Engagement Policy contained in Attachment A to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 18 August 2026 and rescinds the 25 November 2025 Community Engagement Policy.

Carried unanimously

8 Reports for Noting

Nil

Closure

The meeting closed at 7.48 pm

Councillor Dr Siebentritt
City Finance and Governance Committee Chair

Documents Attached:

Nil