



CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes

for the meeting on

Tuesday, 20 October 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, Couros,
Freeman, Giles 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

Apologies:

Councillors Cabada, Maher and Martin

3 Confirmation of Minutes - 15/9/2026

Councillor Couros entered the Colonel Light Room at 5.37 pm.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Freeman -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 September 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 2026/27 to 2035/36 Long Term Financial Plan - Final Adoption

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Freeman -

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL
THAT COUNCIL

1. Adopts the 2026/27 to 2035/36 Long Term Financial Plan document in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 20 October 2026.
2. Adopts the 2026 updates to the Asset Management Plans in Attachment B to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 20 October 2026.

3. Notes the 2026 CEO Sustainability Report in Attachment C to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 20 October 2026.
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary changes to the updated Asset Management Plans and 2026/27 to 2035/36 Long Term Financial Plan document arising from this meeting, together with any editorial amendments and finalisation of the document's formatting and graphic design.

Carried

7.2 City of Adelaide 2025/26 Annual Report

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Freeman -

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Adopts the City of Adelaide 2025/26 Annual Report as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 20 October 2026.
2. Adopts the 2025/26 Audit and Risk Committee Presiding Member's Annual Report as contained in Attachment B to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 20 October 2026.
3. Adopts the Adelaide Central Market Authority 2025/26 Annual Report as contained in Attachment C to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 20 October 2026.
4. Adopts the Adelaide Economic Development Agency 2025/26 Annual Report as contained in Attachment D to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 20 October 2026.
5. Adopts the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2025/26 Annual Report as contained in Attachment E to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 20 October 2026.
6. Notes that no amendments be made to the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority 2023–2028 Strategic Plan.
7. Adopts the Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks Stormwater Board 2025/26 Annual Report as contained in Attachment F to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 20 October 2026.
8. Notes the 2025/26 Consolidated Financial Statements of the City of Adelaide, and the Financial Statements of the Adelaide Central Market Authority, Adelaide Economic Development Agency, Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority and Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks Stormwater Board were presented to the Audit and Risk Committee at Agenda Item 6.2 of its meeting of 23 September 2026, and that the Audit and Risk Committee recommended to Council that they be included in the adopted Annual Report.
9. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to make minor or technical amendments to the City of Adelaide 2025/26 Annual Report as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 20 October 2026.

Discussion ensued

Undertaking – City of Adelaide 2025/26 Annual Report

In response to query from the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon, an undertaking was given to provide Council Members with information on why the total legal expenditure has risen by \$300k (page 80 of the Agenda).

Undertaking – City of Adelaide 2025/26 Annual Report

In response to query from Councillor Couros, an undertaking was given to provide Council Members with information on if the changes to the Behavioural Management Policy have impacted the legal costs to Council.

Carried unanimously

7.3 2026/27 Budget Prioritisation

Councillor Giles entered the Colonel Light Room at 6.00 pm.

Discussion ensued

Undertaking - 2026/27 Budget Prioritisation

In response to a query from Councillor Freeman, an undertaking was given to provide Council Members with the top 5 themes used to group the consultation feedback in previous years, for a comparison with this year's themes.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Freeman,
Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon -

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the analysis of adopted 2026/27 funding allocations against the top-five themes identified in the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget consultation summary, in Attachment A of Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 20 October 2026.
2. Notes the list of unfunded projects from the 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget process that are aligned to the top-five themes.
3. Approves the list of unfunded projects in this report to be considered as 'unfunded initiatives' for the 2026/27 financial year.
4. Approves the approach outlined in this report, that unfunded initiatives will be prioritised for funding during 2026/27 quarterly budget reviews, subject to funding availability and the specified criteria.

Carried

8 Reports for Noting

Nil

Closure

The meeting closed at 6.23 pm

Councillor Dr Siebentritt
City Finance and Governance Committee Chair

Documents Attached:

Nil