CITY OF ADELAIDE

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Minutes

for the meeting on

Friday, 14 August 2026

in the Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall

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Present:

Presiding Member	**Mark Davies**
Committee Members	**The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith (ex officio)**
	Councillor Janet Giles
	John Jovicevic
	Sam Mill

1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Presiding Member 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 -

Russell D'Costa

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by John Jovicevic,
Seconded by Councillor Janet Giles -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 12 June 2026, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

5 Presiding Member Reports

Nil

6 Reports

The Presiding Member, Mark Davies, advised the meeting that the external representative required to be in attendance for consideration of Item 6.1, 6.2 and 6.4 was not yet present and sought leave of the meeting to consider Item 6.3 on the Agenda.

Leave granted

6.3 2026/27 to 2035/36 Long Term Financial Plan - Draft for Public Consultation

Discussion ensued

It was then -

Moved by John Jovicevic,
Seconded by Sam Mill -

THAT AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes Audit and Risk Committee feedback on the Draft 2026/27 - 2035/36 Long Term Financial Plan document set out in **Attachment A** to Item 6.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee on 14 August 2026:
   1.1 That the key financial indicators over the life of the plan are within appropriate target ranges.
   1.2 That the level of borrowings peaks in 2034/35 reflecting the necessary investment in significant renewals relating to Adelaide Bridge, Torrens Weir and Rundle UPark.
   1.3 That the need for financial discipline over the life of the plan will be important to long term financial sustainability including project prioritisation, affordability and long term debt management.
   1.4 That Council consider an amendment to the operating surplus ratio range from 0% - 20% to a revised target of 3% – 20%.

Carried

6.1 Strategic Internal Audit Plan

Peter Horsman of BDO was present to provide an overview of the report and respond to questions.

Discussion ensued

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Janet Giles,
Seconded by Sam Mill -

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE ADVISES COUNCIL

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

1. Notes the draft 2027-2029 Internal Audit Plan report on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 14 August 2026.
2. Notes the draft 2027-2029 Internal Audit Plan as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 14 August 2026 and provides the following feedback:
   2.1. Requests Administration to introduce a workshop process with the Audit and Risk Committee to consider future iterations of the internal audit plan.

Carried

6.2 Internal Audit Scope

Peter Horsman of BDO was present to provide an overview of the report and respond to questions.

Discussion ensued

It was then -

Moved by John Jovicevic,
Seconded by Councillor Janet Giles -

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

1. Notes the Social Media Management Review Internal Audit scope as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 14 August 2026.

Carried

6.4 Internal Audit Report - Strategic Risk Assessment and Alignment

Peter Horsman of BDO was present to provide an overview of the report and respond to questions.

Discussion ensued

It was then -

Moved by John Jovicevic
Seconded by Sam Mill -

<u>THAT AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE</u>

1. Notes the Strategic Risk Assessment and Alignment Internal Audit report as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 14 August 2026.
2. Notes the Bowtie Risk Assessment tool as contained in Attachment B to Item 6.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 14 August 2026.
3. Endorses the responses of the Administration to the Strategic Risk Assessment and Alignment Internal Audit Report as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 14 August 2026.

Carried

6.5 Presiding Member's Annual Report

Discussion ensued

It was then -

Moved by John Jovicevic,
Seconded by Councillor Janet Giles –

<u>THAT AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE</u>

1. Receives the Presiding Member’s Annual Report for the 2025/26 financial year as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 14 August 2026.
2. Notes that the Presiding Member’s Annual Report for 2025/26 financial year as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 14 August 2026 will be included in the City of Adelaide’s Annual Report as per section 126 (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA).

Carried

7 Emerging Key Risks

Nil

8 Independent Member Discussion

Nil

9 Other Business

Discussion ensued

It was then -

Moved by John Jovicevic,
Seconded by Councillor Janet Giles –

<u>THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE</u>

1. Notes the resignation of the former Presiding Member of the City of Adelaide Audit and Risk Committee and expresses its appreciation for the direction, guidance and support provided by Ms Rantanen Reynolds during her tenure as Presiding Member.
2. Notes the resignation of Mr Matthew Fletcher and expresses its appreciation for his contribution during his tenure as an independent member of the Committee.

Carried

10 Exclusion of the Public

Moved by Councillor Janet Giles,
Seconded by John Jovicevic -

ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 11.1

<u>THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE</u>

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (i) of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA), this meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee dated 14 August 2026 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 11.1 [Activity of Strategic Risk and Internal Audit Group] listed on the Agenda.

   <u>Grounds and Basis</u>

   This Item is confidential in nature because the report includes information on Council litigation.

   The disclosure of information in this report could reasonably be expected to prejudice the outcome of Council's actual litigation.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee dated 14 August 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 11.1 [Activity of Strategic Risk and Internal Audit Group] 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) (i) of the Act.

Carried

No members of the public were present. Corporation staff not involved with Item 11.1 left the Colonel Light Room at 10.09 am.

11 Confidential Item

11.1 Activity of Strategic Risk and Internal Audit Group [S90(3) (i)]

The meeting re-opened to the public at 10.12am

Confidentiality Order

Item 11.1 - Activity of Strategic Risk and Internal Audit Group [S90(3) (i)]

Resolution & Confidentiality Order

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

1. Notes the report will be provided to the next meeting of the Council as part of the confidential report of the Audit and Risk Committee.
2. In accordance with Section 91 (7) & (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA) and on the grounds the Item 11.1 [Activity of Strategic Risk and Internal Audit Group] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 14 August 2026 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90 (3) (i) of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA) this meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee, do order that:
    - 2.1. The resolution becomes public information and is included in the Minutes of this meeting.
    - 2.2. 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.
    - 2.3. The confidentiality of this matter be reviewed in December 2026.
    - 2.4. The Chief Executive Officer or delegate 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 10.12 am

Mark Davies

Presiding Member

Audit and Risk Committee

Documents Attached:

Nil