



AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Minutes

for the meeting on

Wednesday, 23 September 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)**
 Russell D'Costa
 Councillor Janet Giles
 John Jovicevic

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:

Sam Mill

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 14 August 2026 and the Special Meeting held 8 September 2026, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

John Jovicevic declared a general conflict of interest in item 6.2 [2025/26 Financial Statements], pursuant to Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) as he is a Director at Dean Newbery who is the auditor for the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Board and that he would stay in the room and participate in the discussion.

5 Presiding Member Reports

Nil

6 Reports

The Presiding Member sought leave of the meeting to bring forward the Exclusion of the Public and the Confidential Items 11.1 and 11.2.

Leave granted

10 Exclusion of the Public

Moved by Councillor Janet Giles,
Seconded by Russell D'Costa -

ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 11.1

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (b) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee dated 23 September 2026 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 11.1 [Confidential Meeting with External Auditors] listed on the Agenda.

Grounds and Basis

Under Section 11.5.3 of the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference, the Audit and Risk Committee is required to meet with Council's external auditors, at least annually, without management being present to discuss issues arising from the External Audit. The disclosure of information in this report may result in the release of information that would breach the Audit and Risk Committee's Terms of Reference and may adversely impact the commercial position of the Council.

Public Interest

The Audit and Risk 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 the release of information of a commercial advantage that may adversely impact the Council and would breach the Terms of Reference of the Audit and Risk Committee.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee dated 23 September 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 [Confidential Meeting with External Auditors] 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) of the Act.

Carried

ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 11.2

Moved by John Jovicevic,
Seconded by Councillor Janet Giles -

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (b) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee dated 23 September 2026 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 11.2 [Confidential Meeting with Internal Auditors] listed on the Agenda.

Grounds and Basis

The discussion in this item could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting or proposing to do business.

The disclosure of information discussed may adversely impact the commercial position of the Council.

Public Interest

The Audit and Risk 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 of 'commercial advantage' of the person conducting business with Council.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee dated 23 September 2026 orders that the public (with the exception of members

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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 11.2 [Confidential Meeting with Internal Auditors] 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) of the Act.

Carried

No members of the public were present. All Corporation staff left the Colonel Light Room at 9.04 am.

The Lord Mayor entered the Colonel Light Room at 9.04 am.

11 Confidential Item

Corporation staff re-entered the Colonel Light Room at 9.41 am.

11.1 Confidential Meeting with External Auditors [S90(3) (b)]

11.2 Confidential Meeting with Internal Auditors [S90(3) (b)]

The meeting re-opened to the public at 9.42am.

Confidentiality Order

Item 11.1 - Confidential Meeting with External Auditors [S90(3) (b)]

Resolution & Confidentiality Order

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

1. Receives a verbal report from Council's external auditors, Galpins, at the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting on 23 September 2026.
2. In accordance with Section 91(7) & (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) (the Act) and because Item 11.1 [Confidential Meeting with External Auditors] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3)(b) of the Act, this meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee do order that:
 - 2.1. The resolution and report become public information and included in the Minutes of the meeting.
 - 2.2. 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 the matter be reviewed in December 2027.
 - 2.4. 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.

Confidentiality Order

Item 11.1 - Confidential Meeting with External Auditors [S90(3) (b)]

Resolution & Confidentiality Order

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

1. Notes the verbal report, in confidence from Council's Internal Auditors, BDO.
2. In accordance with Section 91 (7) & (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA) and on the grounds that Item 11.2 [Confidential Meeting with Internal Auditors] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to section 90 (3) (b) of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA), this meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee, do order that:
 - 2.1. The resolution and report become public information and included in the Minutes of the meeting.
 - 2.2. The discussion and the Minutes of the meeting in relation to the matter remain confidential and not available for public inspection until 31 December 2032.
 - 2.3. The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in December 2026.
 - 2.4. 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 received.

6.1 2025/26 Audit Completion Report

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by John Jovicevic,
Seconded by Russell D'Costa -

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

1. Notes the 'City of Adelaide Audit Completion Report for the year ended 30 June 2026' from Council's external auditors, Galpins, as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held 23 September 2026.

Carried

6.2 2025/26 Financial Statements

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Janet Giles,
Seconded by Russell D'Costa -

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

1. Receives the City of Adelaide's Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026, as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026, subject to minor administrative changes and subsequent balance date event adjustments, to be certified by the Chief Executive Officer and the Lord Mayor.
2. Considers that the Consolidated Financial Statements present fairly the financial position of the City of Adelaide, having reviewed the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026, as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026.
3. Considers it is appropriate that the representation letter requested by the external auditor, as contained in Attachment B to Item 6.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026, is signed by management.
4. Notes the Certification of Auditor Independence for the City of Adelaide and its subsidiaries as contained in Attachment C to Item 6.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026 is considered by the Chief Executive Officer and the Presiding Member of the Audit and Risk Committee.
5. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer and the Lord Mayor to certify the Annual Financial Statements in their final form.
6. Notes the Adelaide Central Market Authority Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026, as contained in Attachment D to Item 6.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026, have been reviewed by the Adelaide Central Market Authority Board outside of a formal Board meeting as they were provided through electronic distribution on 7 September 2026. These financial results are included in the Consolidated Financial Statements of the City of Adelaide, and
 - 6.1. Considers the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026 fairly present the financial position of the Adelaide Central Market Authority.
 - 6.2. Notes the representation letter requested by the external auditor of the Adelaide Central Market Authority, as contained in Attachment E to Item 6.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026, is signed by management.
7. Notes the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026, as contained in Attachment F to Item 6.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026, have been reviewed by the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Board at its meeting on 16 September 2026. These financial results are included in the

Consolidated Financial Statements of the City of Adelaide, and

- 7.1. Considers the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026 fairly present the financial position of the Adelaide Economic Development Agency.
- 7.2. Notes the representation letter requested by the external auditor of the Adelaide Economic Development Agency, as contained in Attachment G to Item 6.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026, is signed by management.
8. Notes the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026, as contained in Attachment H to Item 6.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026, are included in the Consolidated Financial Statements of the City of Adelaide, and
 - 8.1. Considers the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026 present fairly the financial position of the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority and can be certified by the Lord Mayor as Chair of Adelaide Park Lands Authority.
 - 8.2. Considers it is appropriate that the representation letter requested by the external auditor of the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority, as contained in Attachment I to Item 6.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026, to be signed by management.
9. Notes the audited Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks Storm Water Board's Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026 as contained in Attachment J to Item 6.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026. Council's equity interest of 8% is included in the Consolidated Financial Statements of the City of Adelaide.
10. Recommends the 2025/26 Consolidated Financial Statements of the City of Adelaide, and the Financial Statements of the Adelaide Economic Development Agency, Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority, Adelaide Central Market Authority and Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks Stormwater Board be presented to Council for noting on 13 October 2026 and included in the adopted Annual Report.
11. Notes the 2025/26 Report on the financial results for the City of Adelaide and its subsidiaries, as contained in Attachments K, L, M and N to Item 6.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026.

Carried

6.3 Internal Audit Report - Project Management Framework Review

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Janet Giles,
Seconded by Russell D'Costa -

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

1. Notes the Project Management Framework Review Internal Audit report as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026.
2. Endorses the responses of the Administration to the Project Management Framework Review Internal Audit Report as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026.

Carried

6.4 Internal Audit Report - Strategic Planning, Governance and Implementational Review

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by John Jovicevic,
Seconded by Russell D'Costa -

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

1. Notes the Strategic Planning, Governance and Implementation Review 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 23 September 2026.
2. Endorses the responses of the Administration to the Strategic Planning, Governance and Implementation Review 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 23 September 2026.

Carried

6.5 Internal Audit Progress Report

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Russell D'Costa,
Seconded by John Jovicevic -

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

1. Notes the progress of the Internal Audit Plan as contained in Item 6.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026.
2. Notes the progress of the completion of Internal Audit Actions as contained in Item 6.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026.

Carried

Councillor Janet Giles left the Colonel Light Room at 10.53am.

6.6 Climate Risk Register - Transition to Enterprise Risk Management

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by John Jovicevic,
Seconded by Russell D'Costa -

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

1. Notes the management of climate risk through the City of Adelaide's corporate risk framework which was endorsed by the Audit and Risk Committee on 14 August 2026.
2. Notes the amended Integrated Climate Strategy Risk and Reporting Framework as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.6 on the Agenda for the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 23 September 2026 which is updated from time to time by the Administration.

Carried

6.7 Integrated Climate Strategy Annual Report 2025/26

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by John Jovicevic,
Seconded by Russell D’Costa -

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives the Integrated Climate Strategy 2030 – Resilient, Protected, Sustainable (ICS) Annual Report 2025/26 as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.7 on the Agenda for the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026.
2. Receives the 2026/27 Implementation Plan for the Integrated Climate Strategy 2030 – Resilient, Protected, Sustainable (ICS), as contained in Attachment B to Item 6.7 on the Agenda for the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to make minor, typographical and technical amendments to the documents as contained in Attachment A and Attachment B to Item 6.7 on the Agenda for the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026 for the purpose of finalising the document.
4. Request Administration consider reviewing the indicators and targets to ensure they align with the goals and strategies.

Carried

7 Emerging Key Risks

Nil

8 Independent Member Discussion

Nil

9 Other Business

Nil

Closure

The meeting closed at 11.14 am

Mark Davies
Presiding Member
Audit and Risk Committee

Documents Attached:

Item 11.1 - Report - Confidential Meeting with Internal Auditors – Attached

Item 11.1 - Report - Confidential Meeting with External Auditors – Attached

Confidential Meeting with External Auditors

Wednesday, 23 September 2026

Audit and Risk Committee

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

Program Contact:

Associate Director Finance & Procurement, Mitch Woods

Confidential - s 90(3) (b) commercial advantage/prejudice commercial position of council

Approving Officer:

Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report enables an 'in camera' meeting between the Audit and Risk Committee and Council's external auditors Galpins as per Section 11.5.3 of the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference. This requires the Audit and Risk Committee to meet with Council's external auditors, at least annually, without management being present to discuss issues arising from the External Audit.

Consideration in confidence is sought consistent with the confidentiality requirement in the Audit and Risk Committee's Terms of Reference. The Audit and Risk Committee is satisfied 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 of 'commercial advantage' of the person conducting business with Council.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

1. Receives a verbal report from Council's external auditors, Galpins, at the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting on 23 September 2026.
2. In accordance with Section 91(7) & (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) (the Act) and because Item 11.1 [Confidential Meeting with External Auditors] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3)(b) of the Act, this meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee do order that:
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation External audit is a fundamental part of responsible management and reporting of City finances. It underpins the City's financial sustainability.
Policy	Not as a result of this report
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	At least once per year, a confidential meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee with Council's External Auditors is required under the ARC Terms of Reference (Section 11.5.3)
Opportunities	Not as a result of this report
26/27 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 27/28 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report
26/27 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

GROUND S AND BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION IN CONFIDENCE

Grounds

It is recommended that the meeting with the external auditor, without management present be conducted in confidence in accordance with Section 90(3)(b) of the Act.

(b) information the disclosure of which—

- (i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council, and
- (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

Basis

Under Section 11.5.3 of the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference, the Audit and Risk Committee is required to meet with Council's external auditors, at least annually, without management being present to discuss issues arising from the External Audit. The disclosure of information in this report may result in the release of information that would breach the Audit and Risk Committee's Terms of Reference and may adversely impact the commercial position of the Council.

Public Interest

The Audit and Risk 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 the release of information of a commercial advantage that may adversely impact the Council and would breach the Terms of Reference of the Audit and Risk Committee.

DISCUSSION

1. Under Section 11.5.3 of the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference, the Audit and Risk Committee is required to meet with Council's external auditors at least annually, without management being present to discuss issues arising from the External Audit.
2. The discussion may include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - 2.1. A discussion of any major issues that arose during the audit
 - 2.2. Any accounting and audit judgements
 - 2.3. Levels of errors identified during the audit.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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Confidential Meeting with Internal Auditors

Wednesday, 23 September 2026

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

Audit and Risk Committee

Program Contact:

Rebecca Hayes, Associate
Director Governance & Strategy

Confidential - s 90(3) (b) commercial advantage/prejudice commercial position of council

Approving Officer:

Anthony Spartalis, Chief
Operating Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to facilitate a confidential meeting between the City of Adelaide's Internal Auditors (BDO) and the Audit and Risk Committee.

The Terms of Reference for the Audit and Risk Committee includes a requirement to hold a confidential meeting with the Internal Audit Partner, at least once a year and without management being present.

BDO commenced as the City of Adelaide's Internal Audit partner on 1 October 2025.

Consideration in confidence pursuant to section 90 (3) (b) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), is sought, consistent with the confidentiality requirement in the Audit and Risk Committee's Terms of Reference.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

1. Notes the verbal report, in confidence from Council's Internal Auditors, BDO.
2. In accordance with Section 91 (7) & (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and on the grounds that Item 11.2 [Confidential Meeting with Internal Auditors] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 September 2026 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to section 90 (3) (b) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), this meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee, do order that:
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation Outcome – Effective Leadership and Governance Internal audit is an essential component of good governance framework. It is a mechanism that enables Council to receive assurance that internal controls and risk management approaches are effective, that it is performing its function legally, effectively and efficiently, and to advise how it can improve performance.
Policy	Alignment with the Audit and risk Committee's Terms of Reference and Meeting Procedures clause 11.4.3.
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	The Audit and Risk Committee's Terms of Reference and Meeting Procedures (clause 11.4.3), references the requirement for the Committee to meet with our internal auditors.
Opportunities	Internal audit focuses largely on compliance, risk management and improvement opportunities. This annual meeting between the Audit and Risk Committee and our internal auditors paves the way for a collaborative effort and fosters enhanced communication and trust, enabling a more seamless exchange of information.
25/26 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 26/27 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report
25/26 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

GROUND S AND BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION IN CONFIDENCE

Grounds

Section 90 (3) (b) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA)

- (b) information the disclosure of which –
- (i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct business or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and
 - (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

Basis

The discussion in this item could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting or proposing to do business.

The disclosure of information discussed may adversely impact the commercial position of the Council.

Public Interest

The Audit and Risk 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 of ‘commercial advantage’ of the person conducting business with Council.

DISCUSSION

1. At its meeting on 28 April 2026 Council adopted the Audit and Risk Committee’s Terms of Reference and Meeting Procedures as recommended by Audit and Risk Committee at its meeting 11 December 2024.
2. Section 11.4.3 of the Audit and Risk Committee’s Terms of Reference and Meeting Procedures provides that the Audit and Risk Committee shall meet with the Internal Audit Partner at least once a year without management being present. In addition, the Internal Audit Partner shall be given direct access to the Lord Mayor and the Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee.
3. BDO were appointed on 13 June 2025 with a commencement date of 25 September 2025. BDO has previously met with the ARC without management on 27 November 2025.
4. BDO have undertaken six internal audits in the past year, with eight internal audits planned for FY27 ([Link 1](#)).
5. It is recommended that the meeting with the Internal Auditor without management being present be conducted in confidence in accordance with Section 90 (3) (b) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA).

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – [Proposed 2027-2029 Internal Audit Plan](#)

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

- END OF REPORT -