



COUNCIL MINUTES

for the meeting

Tuesday, 26 March 2024

in the Council Chamber, Adelaide Town Hall

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Present – The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith (Presiding)

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape

Councillors Abrahimzadeh, Couros, Davis, Elliott, Giles, Hou, Martin, Noon and Dr Siebentritt

1 Acknowledgement of Country

At the opening of the Council meeting, the Lord Mayor stated:

'Council acknowledges that we are meeting on traditional Country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.

And we also extend that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations who are present today.'

2 Acknowledgement of Colonel William Light

The Lord Mayor stated:

'The Council acknowledges the vision of Colonel William Light in determining the site for Adelaide and the design of the City with its six squares and surrounding belt of continuous Park Lands which is recognised on the National Heritage List as one of the greatest examples of Australia's planning heritage.'

3 Prayer

The Lord Mayor stated:

'We pray for wisdom, courage, empathy, understanding and guidance in the decisions that we make, whilst seeking and respecting the opinions of others.'

4 Pledge

The Lord Mayor stated:

'May we in this meeting speak honestly, listen attentively, think clearly and decide wisely for the good governance of the City of Adelaide and the wellbeing of those we serve.'

5 Memorial Silence

The Lord Mayor asked all present stand in silence in memory of those who gave their lives in defence of their Country, at sea, on land and in the air.

6 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Apology:

Councillor Li

Councillor Martin entered the Council Chamber at 5.32 pm.

7 Confirmation of Minutes - 12 March 2024

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape, Seconded by Councillor Elliott

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12 March 2024, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

8 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

9 Deputations

9.1 Deputation - Mary Kolusniewski - E-scooters

Ms Kolusniewski addressed the Council:

To speak against the extension of e-scooter permits in the City of Adelaide

The Lord Mayor thanked Ms Kolusniewski for her deputation.

9.2 Deputation - Dr David Faber - Multicultural Society

Dr David Faber addressed the Council:

To speak about social cohesion in the City in time of war.

The Lord Mayor thanked Dr Faber for his deputation.

9.3 Deputation - Mr Charles Bagot - Petition - Kingston Terrace Bus Stop Upgrade

Mr Charles Bagot addressed the Council:

To speak about the proposed location of the Kingston Terrace bus stop upgrade.

The Lord Mayor thanked Mr Bagot for his deputation.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape left the Council Chamber at 5.53 pm.

10 Petitions

10.1 Petition - Kingston Terrace Bus Stop Upgrade

Moved by Councillor Martin, Seconded by Councillor Davis -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives the petition containing 40 signatories, distributed as a separate document to Item 10.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 26 March 2024.

Carried

11 Recommendation of the Special City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee - 19 March 2024

11.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 4.1 - Draft Economic Development Strategy for Public Consultation

Moved by Councillor Martin, Seconded by Councillor Noon -

THAT COUNCIL:

- Endorses the draft City of Adelaide Economic Development Strategy An economy that works for all, contained in Attachment A to Item 4.1 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 19 March 2024, for the purpose of public consultation.
- 2. Endorses the draft City of Adelaide Economic Development Strategy, Engagement Plan contained in Attachment B to Item 4.1 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 19 March 2024.
- 3. Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate to make minor, typographical or syntactical updates to the documents contained in Attachment A and Attachment B to Item 4.1 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 19 March 2024, for the purposes of finalising the documents for public consultation.

12 Recommendations of the City Finance and Governance Committee - 19 March 2024

The Lord Mayor requested a mover for recommendations 1 and 2.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Siebentritt, Seconded by Councillor Davis -

12.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 7.1 - Adelaide Economic Development Agency Review Implementation Plan Update

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the progress report on the AEDA Review Implementation Plan as outlined in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 March 2024.

12.2 Recommendation 2 - Item 7.2 - CEO Remuneration Tribunal - Consultation Paper

THAT COUNCIL:

- 1. Endorses Option Two outlined in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 March 2024.
- 2. Delegates to the Acting Chief Operating Officer and/or delegate the authority to finalise and submit a submission to the Remuneration Tribunal of South Australia.

Carried

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape re-entered the Council Chamber at 5.55 pm.

12.3 Recommendation 3 - Item 7.3 - Review of Committee Structure

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Davis, Seconded by Councillor Elliott -

THAT COUNCIL:

- Establishes the following committees in accordance with section 41 of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA):
 - 1.1 City Community Services and Culture Committee
 - 1.2 City Finance and Governance Committee
 - 1.3 City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee
 - 1.4 Infrastructure and Public Works Committee
- 2. Adopts a Committee Meeting Schedule (as set out below), with all Committee Meetings to be held in the Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall:
 - 2.1. City Community Services and Culture Committee, first Tuesday of the month at 5.30pm (except December 2024 and January 2025);
 - 2.2. City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee, first Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm (except December 2024 and January 2025);
 - 2.3. City Finance and Governance Committee, third Tuesday of the month at 5.30pm (except December 2024 and January 2025); and
 - Infrastructure and Public Works Committee third Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm (except December 2024 and January 2025)
- 3. Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate in consultation with the Committee Chair to vary the meeting cycles, scope of agenda or schedule in response to operational needs and/or requirements.

- 4. Notes that the Terms of Reference for the City Community Services and Culture Committee, City Finance and Governance Committee, City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee and Infrastructure and Public Works Committee will be reviewed and presented to the relevant committee meeting by June 2024.
- 5. Applies the provisions of Parts 1, 3 and 4 of the Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013 (SA) established in Part 4 to the City Community Services and Culture Committee, City Finance and Governance Committee, City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee and Infrastructure and Public Works Committee to all meetings of the committees.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

Councillor Martin requested that a division be taken on the motion.

Division

For (6):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape and Councillors Elliott, Giles, Martin, Noon and Siebentritt.

Against (4):

Councillors Abrahimzadeh, Couros, Davis and Hou.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Davis, Seconded by Councillor Elliott –

THAT COUNCIL:

- 6. Appoints all Council Members to the City Community Services and Culture Committee from 1 April 2024 until 31 March 2025.
- 9. Appoints all Council Members to the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee from 1 April 2024 until 31 March 2025.
- 12. Appoints all Council Members to the City Finance and Governance Committee from 1 April 2024 until 31 March 2025.
- 15. Appoints all Council Members to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 1 April 2024 until 31 March 2025.

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Couros called a point of order, in relation to Councillor Noon not addressing the motion, which the Lord Mayor ruled against.

Councillor Davis and Councillor Couros, moved and seconded a motion challenging the Lord Mayor's ruling. The motion was lost.

The motion, was then put and carried

Councillor Martin requested that a division be taken on the motion.

Division

For (8):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape and Councillors Davis, Elliott, Giles, Hou, Martin, Noon and Siebentritt.

Against (2):

Councillors Abrahimzadeh and Couros.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Noon, Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape –

THAT COUNCIL:

7. Appoints a Council Member as the Chair of the City Community Services and Culture Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Carried

The Lord Mayor then called for nominations, to the position of Chair of the City Community Services and Culture Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Councillor Martin nominated Councillor Giles, who accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Councillor Giles declared a material conflict of interest in Recommendation 3 – Item 7.3 – Part 7 [Review of Committee Structure], pursuant to Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), as she is the nominee to a position with remuneration, withdrew her Chair and left the Council Chamber at 6.08 pm.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Martin, Seconded by Councillor Noon –

THAT COUNCIL:

7. Appoints Councillor Giles as the Chair of the City Community Services and Culture Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Carried

Councillor Martin requested that a division be taken on the motion.

Division

For (5):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape and Councillors Elliott, Martin, Noon and Siebentritt.

Against (4):

Councillors Abrahimzadeh, Couros, Davis and Hou.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

Councillor Giles re-entered the Council Chamber at 6.10 pm.

The Lord Mayor then called for nominations to the position of Deputy Chair of the City Community Services and Culture Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Councillor Giles nominated Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape, who accepted the nomination.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Giles, Seconded by Councillor Noon –

THAT COUNCIL:

8. Appoints Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape as the Deputy Chair of the City Community Services and Culture Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Carried

Councillor Martin requested that a division be taken on the motion.

Division

For (6):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape and Councillors Elliott, Giles, Martin, Noon and Siebentritt.

Against (4):

Councillors Abrahimzadeh, Couros, Davis and Hou.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Elliott, Seconded by Councillor Martin –

THAT COUNCIL:

10. Appoints a Council Member as the Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Carried

The Lord Mayor then called for nominations to the position of Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Councillor Elliott nominated Councillor Noon, who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Davis, raised a point of order in relation to potential conflicts of interest.

The Lord Mayor ruled against the point of order.

There being no further nominations, Councillor Noon declared a material conflict of interest in Recommendation 3 – Item 7.3 – Part 10 [Review of Committee Structure], pursuant to Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), as she is the nominee to a position with remuneration, withdrew her Chair and left the Council Chamber at 6.14 pm.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Elliott, Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape –

THAT COUNCIL:

 Appoints Councillor Noon as the Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

Councillor Martin requested that a division be taken on the motion.

Division

For (5):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape and Councillors Elliott, Giles, Martin and Siebentritt. Against (4):

Councillors Abrahimzadeh, Couros, Davis and Hou.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

Councillor Noon re-entered the Council Chamber at 6.18 pm.

The Lord Mayor then called for nominations to the position of Deputy Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Couros, who declined the nomination.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Abrahimzadeh, who declined the nomination.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Hou, who declined the nomination.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Martin, who accepted the nomination.

It was then -

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape, Seconded by Councillor Giles –

THAT COUNCIL:

11. Appoints Councillor Martin as the Deputy Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Carried

Councillor Martin requested that a division be taken on the motion.

Division

For (6):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape and Councillors Elliott, Giles, Martin, Noon and Siebentritt.

Against (4):

Councillors Abrahimzadeh, Couros, Davis and Hou.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Noon, Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape –

THAT COUNCIL:

13. Appoints a Council Member as the Chair of the City Finance and Governance Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Carried

The Lord Mayor then called for nominations to the position of Chair of the City Finance and Governance Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Councillor Noon nominated Councillor Siebentritt, who accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Councillor Siebentritt declared a material conflict of interest in Recommendation 3 – Item 7.3 – Part 13 [Review of Committee Structure], pursuant to Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), as he is the nominee to a position with remuneration, withdrew his Chair and left the Council Chamber at 6.21 pm.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Noon, Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape –

THAT COUNCIL:

13. Appoints Councillor Siebentritt as the Chair of the City Finance and Governance Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Carried

Councillor Martin requested that a division be taken on the motion.

Division

For (5):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape and Councillors Elliott, Giles, Martin and Noon.

Against (4):

Councillors Abrahimzadeh, Couros, Davis and Hou.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

Councillor Siebentritt re-entered the Council Chamber at 6.22 pm.

The Lord Mayor then called for nominations to the position of Deputy Chair of the City Finance and Governance Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Martin.

Councillor Elliott nominated himself.

Councillor Martin withdrew his nomination.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Noon, Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape –

THAT COUNCIL:

14. Appoints Councillor Elliott as the Deputy Chair of the City Finance and Governance Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Carried

Councillor Couros requested that a division be taken on the motion.

Division

For (6):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape and Councillors Elliott, Giles, Martin, Noon and Siebentritt.

Against (4):

Councillors Abrahimzadeh, Couros, Davis and Hou.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Noon, Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape –

THAT COUNCIL:

16. Appoints a Council Member as the Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Carried

The Lord Mayor then called for nominations to the position of Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Councillor Noon nominated Councillor Elliott, who accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Councillor Elliott declared a material conflict of interest in Recommendation 3 – Item 7.3 – Part 16 [Review of Committee Structure], pursuant to Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), as he is the nominee to a position with remuneration, withdrew his Chair and left the Council Chamber at 6.25 pm.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Noon, Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape –

THAT COUNCIL:

 Appoints Councillor Elliott as the Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Martin, called a point of order in relation to Councillor Couros breaching regulation 29 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*, due to Councillor Couros behaving in an improper and disorderly manner.

Councillor Couros made a personal explanation in relation to the point of order called by Councillor Martin in accordance with Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013.*

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The Lord Mayor accepted the point of order and asked Councillor Couros to leave the Council Chamber at 6.29 pm, while the matter is being considered.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Martin, Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape –

That Councillor Couros has contravened regulation 29 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*, by behaving in an improper and disorderly manner.

The motion was then put and lost, on the casting vote of the Lord Mayor

Councillor Couros re-entered the Council chamber at 6.30 pm.

The Lord Mayor advised Councillor Couros that Council had resolved that she had not contravened Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations* 2013.

The meeting resumed at the point of interruption and a vote was taken in relation to appointing Councillor Elliott to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee, as Chair.

The motion was then put and carried

Councillor Davis requested that a division be taken on the motion.

Division

For (5):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape and Councillors Giles, Martin, Noon and Siebentritt.

Against (4):

Councillors Abrahimzadeh, Couros, Davis and Hou.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

Councillor Elliott was invited back into the Council Chamber at 6.31 pm, but could not be located.

The Lord Mayor then called for nominations to the position of Deputy Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Couros, who declined the nomination.

Councillor Noon nominated herself.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Giles, Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape –

THAT COUNCIL:

17. Appoints Councillor Noon as the Deputy Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Carried

Councillor Couros requested that a division be taken on the motion.

Division

For (5):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape and Councillors, Giles, Martin, Noon and Siebentritt.

Against (4):

Councillors Abrahimzadeh, Couros, Davis and Hou.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

13 Recommendations of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee - 19 March 2024

The Lord Mayor requested Recommendations 1 – 7 be taken en bloc.

Councillor Martin requested Recommendations 2 and 3 to be discussed separately.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Martin, Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape -

13.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 7.1 - Capital Works Monthly Project Update - February 2024

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Capital Works Program Update for February 2024 as contained within this report and Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure & Public Works Committee held on 19 March 2024.

13.4 Recommendation 4 - Item 7.4 - Charles Street Road Closure

THAT COUNCIL

- 1. Approves in accordance with Section 32 of the Road Traffic Act 1961, the closure of the road known as Charles Street, Adelaide ('the Road'), between Rundle Mall and North Terrace to all motor vehicles other than the following vehicles which are to be exempted from the closure:
 - 1.1. Vehicles which have permission from the Adelaide Economic Development Agency (AEDA) in their role as managers of the Rundle Mall Precinct, officers or employees of the City of Adelaide and identified utility and service vehicles.
 - Emergency vehicles including SA Police, SA Ambulance Service and Metropolitan Fire Service.
 - 1.3. Vehicles driven by employees of the City of Adelaide during the course of their work.
- 2. Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate to cause notice of the closure to be:
 - 2.1. Published in 'The Advertiser.'
 - 2.2. Provided by post to each ratepayer of land immediately abutting the portion of the Road, the subject of the closure.
 - 2.3. Published on the City of Adelaide's website.
 - 2.4. Made available at the City of Adelaide's Customer Centre, Libraries and Community Centres.
- 3. Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate to, after observing any relevant requirements of the Road Traffic Act 1961, cause to be erected, installed, operated maintained and removed, on behalf of Council, any traffic control device necessary to give effect to the closure.

13.5 Recommendation 5 - Item 7.5 - Asset Management Plan - Park Lands and Open Space - Approval for Consultation

THAT COUNCIL

- Notes the draft Park Lands and Open Space Asset Management Plan as per Attachments A and B to Item 7.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 19 March 2024.
- 2. Endorses the draft Park Lands and Open Space Asset Management Plan as per Attachments A and B to Item 7.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 19 March 2024, for the purposes of public consultation.

13.6 Recommendation 6 - Item 7.6 - Asset Management Plan - Water Infrastructure - Approval for Consultation

THAT COUNCIL

- Notes the draft Water Infrastructure Asset Management Plan as per Attachments A and B to Item 7.6 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 19 March 2024.
- 2. Endorses the draft Water Infrastructure Asset Management Plan as per Attachments A and B to Item 7.6 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 19 March, for the purposes of public consultation.

13.7 Recommendation 7 - Item 7.7 - Asset Management Plan - Public Lighting & Electrical-Approval for Consultation

THAT COUNCIL

- Notes the draft Public Lighting and Electrical Infrastructure Asset Management Plan as per Attachments A and B to Item 7.7 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 19 March 2024.
- 2. Endorses the draft Public Lighting and Electrical Infrastructure Asset Management Plan as per Attachments A and B to Item 7.7 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 19 March, for the purposes of public consultation.

Carried

13.2 Recommendation 2 - Item 7.2 - Melbourne Street Improvements - Update

Councillor Elliott re-entered the Council Chamber at 6.35 pm.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Martin, Seconded by Councillor Couros -

THAT COUNCIL

- Notes that in February 2024, the Department for Infrastructure and Transport, responsible
 for overseeing the grant agreement on behalf of the Government of South Australia,
 presented an alternative set of key deliverables eligible for funding under the grant. This
 revised list includes:
 - 1.1. Planter boxes, with consistency along the whole street.
 - 1.2. Installation of hanging baskets.
 - 1.3. Implementation of real-time vacant space signage for Dunn Street Car Park.
 - 1.4. Addition of tree bud lighting at Melbourne Street Plaza, specifically at the junction of Jerningham Street and Melbourne Street.
 - 1.5. Installation of under veranda festoon lighting for safety and ambiance, similar to lighting on O'Connell Street between Lombard and Gover streets, to support local restaurants.
 - 1.6. Retrofitting of banner brackets to existing entryway flag poles at Mann Terrace and Brougham Place ends of Melbourne Street.
 - 1.7. Upgrading and relocation of street furniture, along with the rationalisation and decluttering of existing infrastructure.
- 2. Notes that the construction of a wombat crossing in front of the Ronald McDonald House on Melbourne Street will not be funded through the Government of South Australia grant.
- 3. Notes the construction of wombat crossings on Melbourne Street remains part of Council's Main Streets Revitalisation Master Plan for Melbourne Street and design and planning works undertaken to date on the crossing will benefit any future construction opportunities.

Discussion ensued

Undertaking - Under Verandah Festoon Lighting

In response to queries from Councillor Martin, an undertaking was given to provide details to Council Members, on when the festoon lighting between Lombard and Gover Streets was installed.

The motion was then put and carried

13.3 Recommendation 3 - Item 7.3 - St Aloysius College - Transport Safety

Moved by Councillor Elliott, Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape -

THAT COUNCIL

- 1. Receives the InfraPlan School Safety Review St Aloysius College report included in Attachment A to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 19 March 2024, including recommendations to:
 - 1.1. Install flexi-posts on Angas Street to reinforce where movements are illegal;
 - 1.2. Implement a median closure on Wakefield Street at Chancery Lane; and
 - 1.3. Apply to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport to extend the school zone on Angas Street.
- 2. Notes that Administration will review options for additional and/or safer crossings on Angas Street following the Speed Limit Review including a modal filter for bicycles.
- 3. Notes similar reviews for all other schools within the City of Adelaide are currently unfunded and subject to funding approval in the 2024/2025 Business Plan and Budget.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried unanimously

14 Recommendation of the Special City Finance and Governance Committee - 21 March 2024

Item 14 - Recommendation of the Special City Finance and Governance Committee – 21 March 2024, distributed separately can be found at the conclusion of these minutes for information.

14.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 4.1 - Local Government Participation Elections Review Submission

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Siebentritt, Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape –

THAT COUNCIL:

- 1. Notes results from the survey that closed on 10 March 2024 as shown in Attachment B and the results from the survey that closed on 21 March 2024 as shown in Attachment C on the Agenda for the Special meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 March 2024.
- 2. Endorses the draft submission to the Local Government Participation and Elections Review provided as Attachment A (as amended reflecting inconclusive responses and clarification of the requirement for candidates to be citizens) to Item 4.1 on the Agenda for the Special Meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 March 2024, including the changes agreed by the Committee during that meeting.
- 3. Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate to make minor editorial and formatting changes as required to finalise the draft submission to the Local Government Participation and Elections Review by 28 March 2024.

Carried unanimously

15 Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)

Nil

16 Lord Mayor's Reports

The Lord Mayor addressed the meeting on the following:

- Welcoming Little Amal (3.5 metre puppet) and her team to Rundle Mall, as a part of the Adelaide Festival.
- Civic Reception for Multicultural Communities Council of SA, who were presenting their Quiet Achiever's Awards as part of International Women's Day.
- Greek Independence Day celebrations at the Cathedral of Archangels Michael and Gabriel on Franklin Street.
- Pay tribute to former Deputy Lord Mayor and Councillor David Plumridge, who passed away this month at the age of 91.

It was then -

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape, Seconded by Councillor Abrahimzadeh –

That the report be received and noted.

Carried

17 Councillors' Reports

17.1 Reports from Council Members

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape addressed the meeting on his attendance at the Adelaide Motorsports Festival and ART WORKS | Kinetic Structures artist talk.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Abrahimzadeh Seconded by Councillor Martin –

THAT COUNCIL

- Notes the Council Member activities and functions attended on behalf of the Lord Mayor (Attachment A to Item 17.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 26 March 2024).
- 2. Notes the summary of Council Members' meeting attendance (Attachment B to Item 17.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 26 March 2024).
- 3. Notes that reports from Council Members tabled at the meeting of the Council held on 26 March 2024 will be included in the Minutes of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

18 Motions on Notice

18.1 Councillor Giles - MoN - NLGA Motions

Moved by Councillor Giles Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape –

That Council resolves to rescind Part 2 of Item 14.2: 2024 Australian Council of Local Government of the Council meeting on 12 March 2024:

That Council notes that no motions will be submitted to the 2024 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Giles

Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape -

That Council notes that input from Council Members in developing motions to be considered for submission to the 2024 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly will be required by 15 April 2024 for consideration by Council at its meeting on 23 April 2024.

Carried

18.2 Councillor Martin - MoN - State Commission Assessment Panel (SCAP) Development Assessment Threshold

Moved by Councillor Martin Seconded by Councillor Noon –

That Council;

- 1. Requests Administration to prepare a report to be considered by Council that details the case for an increase to the \$10m financial threshold for State Commission Assessment Panel development assessment. This is noting the advice of the Council Assessment Panel to Council in its 2023/24 Annual Report. The report should outline:
 - a. The key considerations relating to a change in the current \$10 million development assessment threshold.
 - b. The types of development to which a revised threshold/s should be applied.
 - c. Projected revenue and resourcing implications and the net cost to Council of any changes.
 - d. The options and approval pathways for projects that would be assessed through Council.
- 2. Notes that the report form the basis of a submission to the State Government (to be copied to the Capital City Committee) seeking a change to the \$10 million threshold for approval by Council by the end of 2024.
- 3. Notes that in Council's submission to The State Planning System Implementation review, Council sought consideration of an increase to the financial threshold for State Commission Assessment Panel from \$10 million to \$50 million.

Discussion ensued, during which Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape declared a general conflict of interest in Item 18.2 [Councillor Martin - MoN - State Commission Assessment Panel (SCAP) Development Assessment Threshold], pursuant to Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) as he is a member of the Council Assessment Panel, but that he would stay in the meeting, and vote on the matter.

The Lord Mayor advised the meeting that the motion would be taken in parts.

Parts 1 and 2 of the motion were then put and carried

Part 3 of the motion was then put and carried

18.3 Councillor Couros - MoN - Economic and Cultural impact in the South, West and North Adelaide

Moved by Councillor Couros Seconded by Councillor Abrahimzadeh –

That Council

- 1. Notes the positive economic impact the festival season has had on the East End.
- Requests administration and the Adelaide Economic Agency (AEDA) to review all current sponsorship arrangements under their purview and investigate ways to collaborate with the State Government, significant event organisers, and festival organisers to spread further the positive economic and cultural impact of events on Hutt Street, West End, and North Adelaide.
- 3. Requests a plan on a collaborative approach to develop a plan on specific actions to prioritise economic and cultural impacts of events in these regions of the City of Adelaide.

4. Requests administration to report to the Council with the recommendations and findings from external event organisers on their views for council consideration.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried unanimously

18.4 Councillor Martin - MoN - Aged and Disability Support Pension Rate Rebate

Moved by Councillor Martin Seconded by Councillor Noon –

That Council requests that the Administration:

- 1. Places on the agenda for the 2024/25 Budget and Business Plan discussions the reinstatement of a rate rebate for property owners in the City of Adelaide in receipt of an aged or disability support pension.
- Calculates the cost of such assistance, including the difference between the financial benefit to pensioners provided by the City of Adelaide under the previous scheme and any other compensation provided by any other level of Government, particularly where it was considered to be in lieu of the rate rebate.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

Councillor Noon requested that a division be taken on the motion.

Division

For (8):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape and Councillors Couros, Davis, Elliott, Giles, Martin, Noon and Siebentritt.

Against (2):

Councillors Abrahimzadeh and Hou.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

19 Motions without Notice

19.1 Councillor Martin - MwN - Exemptions for building construction hours

Moved by Councillor Martin, Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape -

That Council;

Asks the Administration provide advice to at the earliest opportunity on potential changes to the process for granting exemptions to certain building construction hours of operation to include feedback from elected members.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

Councillor Martin requested that a division be taken on the motion.

Division

For (6):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape and Councillors Elliott, Giles, Martin, Noon and Siebentritt.

Against (4):

Councillors Abrahimzadeh, Couros, Davis and Hou.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

20 Questions on Notice

20.1 Councillor Abrahimzadeh - QoN - Seasonal Bird Nesting

20.2 Councillor Giles - QoN - Adelaide Motorsport Event

The Questions and Replies having been distributed and published prior to the meeting were taken as read.

The replies for Items 20.1 - 20.2, are attached for reference at the end of the Minutes of the meeting.

21 Questions without Notice

CEO Undertaking - FOI's

In response to queries from Councillor Couros, the CEO gave an undertaking to look at providing Council Members with a regular update on FOI's.

22 Exclusion of the Public

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

ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 23

THAT COUNCIL:

Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (d) and section 90(2) & (7) of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA), this meeting of the Council dated 26 March 2024 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 23 [Confidential Recommendations of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – 19 March 2024] 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 confidential as information relates to operation costs and contractual agreements between the Department for Infrastructure and Transport and its bus contractors.

The disclosure of information in this report could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the contractors that supplied the information through a tender process.

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 could be commercially damaging to the bus contractors involved.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 26 March 2024 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 23 [Confidential Recommendations of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – 19 March 2024] 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) (d) of the Act.

Carried

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Siebentritt, Seconded by Councillor Noon –

ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 24

THAT COUNCIL:

Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (j) & (m) and section 90(2) & (7) of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA), this meeting of the Council dated 26 March 2024 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 24 [Confidential Recommendations of the Special City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee – 21 March 2024] 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 confidential as it contains information and links to draft Code Amendment documents provided by Planning and Land Use Services in confidence.

The disclosure of information in this report could reasonably breach confidentiality of information provided to Council by the State Government through Planning and Land Use Services prior to the commencement of a Code Amendment.

This Item is confidential as it contains information regarding the draft Code Amendment that is not appropriate to be made public prior to the commencement of public engagement, particularly due to the potentially sensitive nature of the draft Code Amendment

The disclosure of information in this report could reasonably breach confidentiality of information prior to public engagement of the draft Code Amendment.

Public Interest

The Council 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 will result in release of information that has been provided to Council in confidence from the State Government through Planning and Land Use Services.

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 will release the draft Code Amendment prior to Council endorsement of the policy approach and public engagement plan.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 26 March 2024 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 24 [Confidential Recommendations of the Special City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee – 21 March 2024] 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) (j) & (m) of the Act.

Carried

Members of the public and Corporation staff present not directly involved with Items 23 and 24, left the Council Chamber at 7.34 pm.

- 23 Confidential Recommendation of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee 19 March 2024
- 23.1 Item 23.1 Confidential Recommendation 1 Item 10.1 Adelaide City Connector Deed of Agreement [S90(3) (d)]
- 24 Confidential Recommendations of the Special City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee 21 March 2024
- 24.1 Item 24.1 Confidential Recommendation 1 Item 6.1 Draft Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) [S90(3) (j)]
- 24.2 Item 24.2 Confidential Recommendation 2 Item 6.3 Code Amendment Adult Entertainment and Adult Products and Services Premises [S90(3) (m)]

The meeting re-opened to the public at 7.55 pm.

Item 23 - Confidential Recommendation of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee - 19 March 2024

Confidentiality Order

Authorises that, in accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and because Item 23 [Confidential Recommendations of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – 19 March 2024] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 26 March 2024 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3) (d) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), this meeting of the Council 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 30 June 2029.
- 2. The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in December 2024.
- 3. The Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate be authorised 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.

Item 24 - Confidential Recommendations of the Special City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee - 21 March 2024

Recommendation 1 - Item 6.1 - Draft Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS)

Confidentiality Order

In accordance with Section 91 (7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* and because Item 24 [Recommendation 1 - Draft Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS)] was received discussed and considered in confident pursuant to Section 90(3) (j) (i) and (ii) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this Council do order that:

- 1. The resolution, the report and the discussion submitted to this meeting and the Minutes of this meeting in relation to the matter remain confidential and not available for public inspection until activities in accordance with Part 4, Division 1, Section 18(4) (b) of the Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005 (SA) are completed.
- 2. The Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate be delegated the authority to review and revoke all or parts of this order herein and directed to present a report containing the Item for which the confidentiality order has been revoked.

Recommendation 2 - Item 6.3 - Code Amendment - Adult Entertainment and Adult Products and Services Premises

Resolution and Confidentiality Order

THAT COUNCIL:

- 1. Endorses the draft Adult Entertainment and Adult Products and Services Premises Code Amendment provided in Attachment A to Item 6.3 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 21 March 2024 for public consultation.
- 2. Endorses the Draft Adult Entertainment and Adult Products and Services Premises Code Amendment Engagement Plan provided in Attachment B to Item 6.3 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 21 March 2024.
- 3. Notes the Draft Adult Entertainment and Adult Products and Services Premises Code Amendment Engagement Plan provided in Attachment B to Item 6.3 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 21 March 2024 updates and replaces the Engagement Plan endorsed by Council on 8 August 2023 when initiating the Code Amendment.
- 4. Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate to make minor technical or grammatical amendments to Attachment A and Attachment B to Item 6.3 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 21 March 2024.

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- 5. Authorises that, in accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA) and because Item 24 [Recommendation 3 Code Amendment Adult Entertainment and Adult Products and Services Premises] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 26 March 2024 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3)(m) of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA), this meeting of the Council do order that:
 - 5.1. The resolution becomes public information and is included in the Minutes of the meeting.
 - 5.2. 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 the public consultation for the draft Code Amendment has commenced or 31 December 2024.
 - 5.3. The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in December 2024.
 - 5.4. 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.

Closure

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm

Dr Jane Lomax-Smith Lord Mayor

Date of confirmation:

Documents Attached:

Item 14 – Recommendation of the Special City Finance and Governance Committee – 21 March 2024 – Distributed Separately

Item 20 - Question on Notice Replies, Distributed Separately

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Council

Recommendation of the Special City Finance and Governance Committee – 21 March 2024

Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation

Public

Approving Officer:Anthony Spartalis, Acting Chief

Operating Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City Finance and Governance Committee considered the following Item at its Special meeting held on 21 March 2024 and resolved to present to Council the following recommendation for Council determination:

Item 4.1 – Local Government Elections Participation Review – submission

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. **Recommendation 1** Item 4.1 Local Government Elections Participation Review submission THAT COUNCIL:
 - 1. Notes results from the survey that closed on 10 March 2024 as shown in Attachment B and the results from the survey that closed on 21 March 2024 as shown in Attachment C on the Agenda for the Special meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 March 2024.
 - 2. Endorses the draft submission to the Local Government Participation and Elections Review provided as Attachment A (as amended reflecting inconclusive responses and clarification of the requirement for candidates to be citizens) to Item 4.1 on the Agenda for the Special Meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 March 2024, including the changes agreed by the Committee during that meeting.
 - 3. Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate to make minor editorial and formatting changes as required to finalise the draft submission to the Local Government Participation and Elections Review by 28 March 2024.

DISCUSSION

- 1. The City Finance and Governance Committee met at a Special meeting of the Committee on Thursday 21 March 2024. The Agenda with public reports for the meeting can be viewed here.
- 2. Where the resolution of the Committee differs from the recommendation published in the Committee agenda, the Committee's recommendation to the Council is listed first, with the original recommendation provided in grey and italics.
- 3. The following matter was the subject of deliberation:
 - 3.1. Item 4.1 Local Government Elections Participation Review submission

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

- 1. Notes results from the survey that closed on 10 March 2024 as shown in Attachment B and the results from the survey that closed on 21 March 2024 as shown in Attachment C on the Agenda for the Special meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 March 2024.
- 2. Endorses the draft submission to the Local Government Participation and Elections Review provided as Attachment A (as amended reflecting inconclusive responses and clarification of the requirement for candidates to be citizens) to Item 4.1 on the Agenda for the Special Meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 March 2024, including the changes agreed by the Committee during that meeting.
- 3. Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate to make minor editorial and formatting changes as required to finalise the draft submission to the Local Government Participation and Elections Review by 28 March 2024.

For ease, Attachments A, B and C relating to Recommendation 1, Item 4.1, have been included at the end of this recommendation report.

Original Recommendation as Printed in the CFG Committee Agenda

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

- 1. Notes results from the survey that closed on 10 March 2024 as shown in Attachment B and the results from the survey that closed on 21 March 2024 as shown in Attachment C on the Agenda for the Special meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 March 2024.
- 2. Endorses the draft submission to the Local Government Participation and Elections Review provided as Attachment A to Item 4.1 on the Agenda for the Special Meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 March 2024, including the changes agreed by the Committee during that meeting.
- 3. Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate to make minor editorial and formatting changes as required to finalise the draft submission to the Local Government Participation and Elections Review by 28 March 2024.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – City Finance and Governance Committee Agenda

ATTACHMENTS

- END OF REPORT -

Attachment A

Proposed City of Adelaide submission and indication of Councillors' agreement

Topic One – How people engage with their council

Agree 9	What requirements should be set for councils' community engagement for what decisions?			
Disagree	 The City of Adelaide (CoA) endorses the Local Government Association's (LGA) draft Community Engagement Charter (Charter) and supports the minimum consultation period for those activities outlined in that document. 			
1	 Standardised engagement approach for those items listed in Category A in the LGA's draft charter. 			
Agree 10	What should be included in the Charter and what should be left for councils' own community engagement policies?			
	CoA considers the current proposal outlined in the draft LGA Charter appropriate.			
Disagree	 The engagement approach should be standardised for significant engagements and activities listed in Category A. 			
0	 Other engagements should be based on principles and what the council wants to achieve rather than being prescriptive about the how. 			
Agree 8	Should councils have the capacity to determine how they will engage with their communities, or should the Charter be more directive in its approach?			
	Councils should have the capacity to determine how they engage.			
Disagree	 It is recognised, however, that there are some topics (such as those identified in Category A of the draft charter) that there would be a community expectation to a minimum consistent standard. 			
0	 As a Capital City Council, it is essential that CoA is able to develop a consultation policy appropriate for its community. As a capital city, a significant part of our community is non-residents. As such, we need to ensure our engagement approach is fit for purpose. 			
Agree	What other ideas do you have for councils' community engagement?			
8	Having a panel of hard-to-reach groups and stakeholders			
	 CoA recognises the community's expectation of having plain English documents with both summarised and detailed information. 			
Disagree 1	 Councils must also communicate better regarding how community feedback has been incorporated into decisions. 			
	 Focus on building a relationship with the community rather than a one-way relationship of 'obtaining feedback'. 			
Agree	Should councils be required to livestream their meetings and make			
10	recordings available?			
	 CoA has live-streamed its meetings and made them available on the internet before COVID-19. 			
Disagree	 Councils should ensure that the meetings are inclusive and accessible to all members of the Community 			
0	 Council considers live streaming an essential service for those members of the community unable to attend meetings in person 			
	It should remain the decision of individual Councils whether they do so.			

Agree 10	All metropolitan councils hold their council meetings during the evenings, but councils in regional areas often hold their meetings during business hours.			
Disagree 0	 This should be an individual decision for each council, as well as considering how this may impact community participation 			
	Some regional councillors may have to travel long distances to attend meetings.			
Agree 10	Should councils be required to hold their meetings at a particular time to maximise community participation?			
Disagree	 Rather than a prescriptive time and given that each community has different needs, where a council chooses to hold meetings during business hours, community consultation should occur. 			
0	 This could occur as part of the adoption of the Code of Practice for Access to Council Meetings and Documents. 			
Agree	How should members be supported to engage directly with their communities?			
9	 There Needs to be a clear delineation regarding context and purpose, i.e are they representing a Council-endorsed view or their own? 			
Disagree	 If Council Members speak on behalf of the Council, all correspondence and communications should be authorised. 			
1	Council Members should remain responsible for their statements.			
Agree 7	Should all council members be provided with a specific allowance to support constituent work, similar to the allowance that is provided to Members of Parliament?			
Disagree 3	Should be a decision of council as part of the Allowance and Benefit policy.			
Agree 8	What other ideas do you have to strengthen the relationship between council members and their local community members?			
	 Training as part of the Council Member Mandatory Training sessions on how to engage with communities. 			
Disagree 2	This training should provide guidance on using social media as well as clarifying roles and responsibilities.			

Topic two – How can we encourage a greater number of more diverse candidates?

Agree 6	Would more, and a more diverse range of, people be attracted to the role if allowances were increased?			
	Potentially, yes			
Disagree	 Support a review of the construct of Council Member allowances, considering what the allowances are meant to be used for, and the expectations that community members have of Council Members. 			
4	 Benchmarking should occur against interstate jurisdictions. 			
	 Awareness of what other reimbursements candidates are entitled to (such as babysitting, mileage, etc). 			
Agree 3	Should council members be able to attend some council meetings electronically?			
	 Electronic attendance may assist flexibility, allowing Council Members to attend when they otherwise may not be able to. 			
	The ability to attend a meeting electronically should be a discretionary provision in			

Disagree	the legislation.
7	It should be a decision for each Council regarding:
	If it will accommodate this and
	 Include in its Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures (including how confidentiality will be protected).
Agree 6	Are there other efforts that councils could make to increase interest in standing over a council term, for example, by working with ratepayers or other community organisations?
Disagree 4	 Councils already work extensively with community organisations to raise awareness concerning Local Government Elections and Nominations.
7	Would councils get a better local result if they make greater investments in local promotion and initiatives, particularly ahead of election periods?
	The City of Adelaide (and other councils) already do this.
Agree	Should term limits for council members be introduced?
4	It is noted that the institutionalised knowledge long-serving Council Members bring
Disagree	 These members have served for a long time because their community continues to choose them to represent this.
6	 If term limits are to be introduced, three consecutive terms are proposed (12 years).
Agree 9	Should people be required to complete an online course before nominating?
Disagree	Yes, similar to Victoria. It is important for those wanting to be a Council Member to understand their roles and responsibilities and have had a thorough induction into Lead Council and their roles.
1	 into Local Government. This training should also include the legislative responsibilities of a candidate when
	campaigning.
Agree	What forms of training could both benefit candidates and generate more community confidence in the people who are standing for election?
Disagree	As above
Agree	Should councils have a role in the nomination process?
3 Disagree 6	• No
Agree 8	If ECSA continues to receive nominations directly, should there be a requirement for nominations to be published throughout the nomination process, not just at the end? If so, how should these be published?
Disagree 2	 ECSA should publish on their website daily. Extra resources should be assigned to ECSA for this purpose.
Agree 4	Should councils continue to have wards? If so, why? And if not, what would be the benefits of removing them? Should wards only be kept in councils where the council's size warrants their retention?
Disagree 4	 It should be up to the Community to decide how they want to be represented and what (if any) ward structure they think is appropriate.
	Alternative submission text
	City of Adelaide Council does not have a consensus view on this issue

Agree 3	Should potential boundary changes be referred to the South Australian Boundaries Commission when a council receives significantly fewer nominations than it has vacancies?			
Disagree 7	No. There are several reasons why Councils do not receive enough nominations.			
Agree 10	What are other factors that might encourage—or dissuade—people to stand for election to their councils?			
	 Perception of a high-pressure culture for Council Members 			
	Adversarial nature of debate			
	Public scrutiny			
Disagree	Time commitment required			
0	Not knowing that training and support are provided for members to do their role			
	Understanding of local government			
	Lack of support for the campaign			
Agree	What ideas do you have to increase nominations?			
9	Link to promotion – understanding of the role, making known the support available			
Diagras	Pre-mentor program started well before the election cycle			
Disagree 1	Mid-term programs promoting the role of the Council Member			

Topic three – How can we achieve a better voter turnout?

Agree 9	Is there any particular reason why councils do not warrant compulsory voting when the two other spheres of Australian governments do? Should voting for councils be compulsory in South Australian council elections?
Disagree 1	Compulsory voting should be introduced for the House of Assembly Roll in line with other jurisdictions across Australia
Agree	How should people vote for their councils?
9	Postal
	Postal voting is a very convenient method for the community.
	 It is noted there were numerous complaints during the last election with residents not receiving voting material or receiving incorrect voting material.
	Delays by Australia Post meant some voting material wasn't reissued.
Disagree 0	If postal voting is to be continued - the Council should be able to reissue in the last week of the voting period
	In Person
	If compulsory voting was introduced, voting in person could be introduced.
	If compulsory voting is not introduced, voter participation will likely decrease.
Agree	Should the franchise for council elections be changed in any way?
7	Form One
	The requirements for non-citizens should be tightened to ensure that there is a reasonable interest in the outcome of the election, and, if a candidate, that the candidate will be able

Disagree 3	to fulfil their term of office. It is suggested that they: • Be a permanent resident or have the right to work. • Provide proof of identity, status and residence when completing the forms.				
	This process should be managed by ECSA with consideration given to language barriers.				
Agree 8	Should council elections be moved to a different year from South Australian Government elections?				
Disagree 2	 Running the state and local government elections in the same year puts increased strain on ECSA's finite resources. 				
	A move to a different year may increase the local government elections profile.				
Agree 8	Should councils have a stronger role in promoting elections locally to increase voter turnout?				
Disagree	Councils already play a large role in local promotion.				
2	Better coordination between ECSA and LGA campaigns and collateral would be beneficial.				
Agree	Would removing wards provide voters with greater choice, and produce fairer results?				
6	 In the City of Adelaide, it could decrease voter turnout, some voters currently vote in a number of wards (as they may live in one ward and own businesses in other wards). 				
Disagree 3	The decision to remove wards should be up to that Community (as above).				
	Alternative submission text				
	City of Adelaide Council does not have a consensus view on this issue				
Agree	What information should candidates be required to include with their nominations?				
10	Political affiliations				
	Live in the council area (and what ward)				
Disagree 0	 A Declaration form (similar to register of interest) which has the same public information as serving Council Members have 				
Agree	Is it fair for someone who has 'served their time' to have to release this information?				
Agree 7	 Is it fair for someone who has 'served their time' to have to release this information? Candidates should meet minimum eligibility requirement (similar to ASX director requirements, working with children check). 				
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Disagree 10

- Time commitment required
- Not knowing that training and support is provided for members to do their role
- Understanding of local government
- Lack of support to campaign

Topic 4 – Election improvements

Agree	Should all residential enrolments to be managed by AEC?
6	 Currently individual councils manage Form 1 enrolment applications for residential individuals who do not currently qualify for entry on to the House of Assembly roll.
Disagree 1	 An improvement would be for all residential enrolments regardless of the individual's status (citizen or not) be managed by the ECSA and included on the House of Assembly roll.
Agree 5	Are statute amendments significantly problematic?
5	The changes imposed on CoA under the recent Statute Amendments:
	 Impose obligations on Council staff which are very labour-intensive and costly, to be performed within very limited timeframes on top of current election activities and existing timeframes.
	Additional FTE/s required as:
	 new template correspondence will need to be drafted and sent to all bodies corporate and groups on the voter's roll;
	 dealing with nominations received from bodies corporate and groups will require data entry, and will also require checking whether the nominated person already appears on the voters roll or is entitled to be enrolled on the voter's roll (in which case they are not eligible persons
	 the process for nominating 'default persons' for bodies corporate (and groups which include bodies corporate) which do not nominate their own eligible person relies upon data held in ASIC's database and therefore might not be possible to automate to any great extent)
	 the process for nominating 'default persons' also requires checking whether the potential default person already appears on the voters roll or is entitled to be enrolled on the voters' roll

Disagree 2

- redactions will need to be made to the version of voters roll available for inspection by the public; (In practice would be problematic)
- all of the above must occur within strict timeframes; and
- There are a significant number of bodies corporate and groups on the Council's voters roll compared to other councils, and the above steps must be applied for all of those bodies corporate and groups.
- These obligations are in addition to the Council and the CEO's existing obligations
 which are already complex and challenging and may well require changes to the
 current system in place that produce the voter's roll
- CoA nominating a default nominee may disenfranchise a number of bodies corporate and groups solely on the irrational basis of what letter people's surnames begin with; and
- In some cases, invest the Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with the unusual power to 'choosing'; who can vote.
- No similar amendments are being made with respect to any other Council.
- In relation to achieving the above obligations, Council believes the costs associated with additional FTE requirements, postage and potential changes to systems would be well in excess of \$100,000.

Agree 4

Should the existing voting eligibility for Head Lease holders be changed?

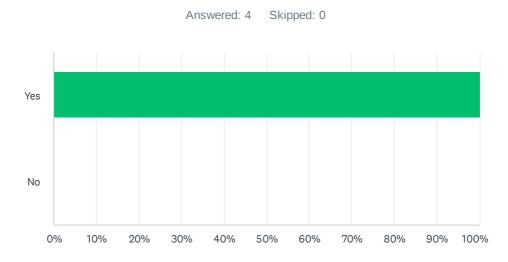
- Currently a holder of a headlease who is not in occupation of the land (i.e. a head lessee who has wholly sub-let property to another) is considered an 'owner' under the Local Government Act 1999.
- When this situation occurs, under the Act neither party is eligible to be enrolled to vote in their own right. Instead, they must be enrolled as a group of owners.
- An unattended consequence is that each unique owner and head lessee combination would constitute a unique voter's group.

Disagree 3

- In relation to the above, there are significant practical issues in that Council is expected to somehow know of and record the details of all owners, including people who hold leases but do not occupy the land.
- While the Council learns of changes to ownership through the LTO, there is no practical way to learn of changes to commercial leasing arrangements.
- The Council's system can record the property owner and the occupier but is not able to accurately record and capture head lessees and reflect the correct voting entitlement.
- Further, it is unlikely that property owners and headlease holders would be aware they are only entitled to a group voting entitlement.

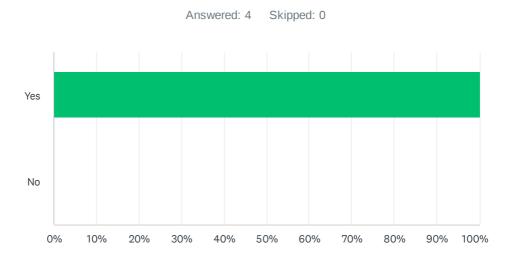
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Q1 What requirements should be set for councils' community engagement for what decisions?CoA Comment:The City of Adelaide (CoA) endorses the Local Government Association's (LGA) draft Community Engagement Charter (Charter) and supports the minimum consultation period for those activities outlined in that document.Standardised engagement approach for those items listed in Category A in the LGA's draft charter.



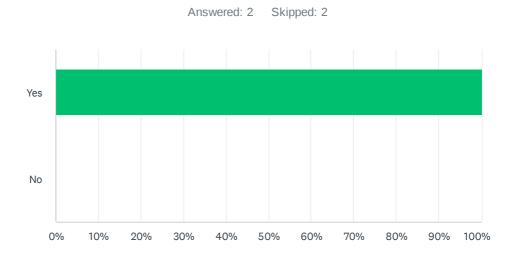
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No		0.00%		0
TOTAL				4
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	There are no responses.			

Q2 What should be included in the Charter and what should be left for councils' own community engagement policies?CoA Comment:CoA considers the current proposal outlined in the draft LGA Charter appropriate. The engagement approach should be standardised for significant engagements and activities listed in Category A. Other engagements should be based on principles and what the council wants to achieve rather than being prescriptive about the how.



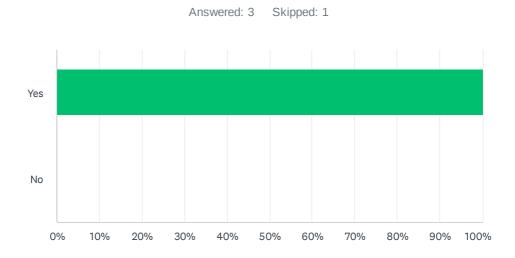
ANSWER C	CHOICES	RESPONSES		
Yes		100.00%		4
No		0.00%		0
TOTAL				4
#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)		DATE	
	There are no responses.			

Q3 Should councils have the capacity to determine how they will engage with their communities, or should the Charter be more directive in its approach?CoA Comment:Councils should have the capacity to determine how they engage. It is recognised, however, that there are some topics (such as those identified in Category A of the draft charter) that there would be a community expectation to a minimum consistent standard. As a Capital City Council, it is essential that CoA is able to develop a consultation policy appropriate for its community. As a capital city, a significant part of our community is non-residents. As such, we need to ensure our engagement approach is fit for purpose.



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES		
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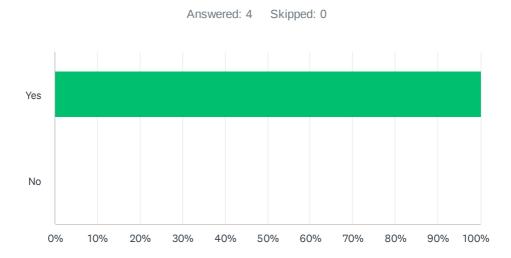
Q4 What other ideas do you have for councils' community engagement? CoA Comment: Having a panel of hard-to-reach groups and stakeholdersCoA recognises the community's expectation of having plain English documents with both summarised and detailed information. Councils must also communicate better regarding how community feedback has been incorporated into decisions Focus on building a relationship with the community rather than a one-way relationship of 'obtaining feedback'.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	3
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		3

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Genuine consultation needs to happen	3/5/2024 2:17 PM
2	Yes engage with advisory groups charged with providing feedback who then engage with Council or Committee meetings	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

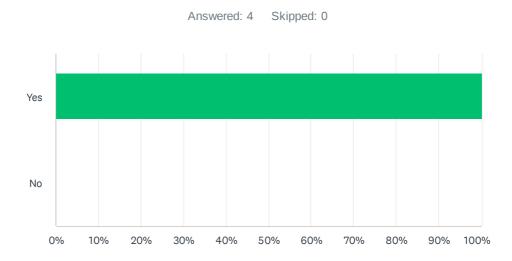
Q5 How would you like to see councils engage with you?CoA Comment:Feedback from we have heard from the community via our engagement activities includes the following:Longer consultation periods so group submissions can be madeRegular events where community members can discuss matters directly with the Lord Mayor and Councillors. The community is informed of the decision made and the outcome as a result of the feedback they have provided (closing the loop).



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	4
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Regular events for constituents to engage with the LM and Councillors. Reinstate LM fora for resident groups and precinct groups and expand to include randomly identified individuals to be asked to attend discussions with LM and Councillors 3 times a year	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

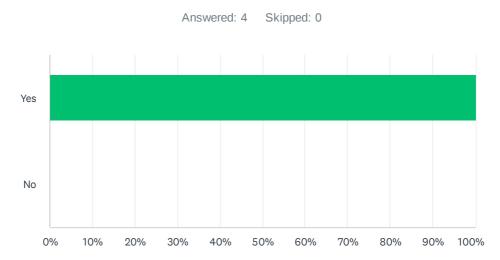
Q6 Should councils be required to livestream their meetings and make recordings available? CoA Comment: CoA has live-streamed its meetings and made them available on the internet before COVID-19. Councils should ensure that the meetings are inclusive and accessible to all members of the Community Council considers live streaming an essential service for those members of the community unable to attend meetings in personIt should remain the decision of individual Councils whether they do so.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	4
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Continue live streaming but more efficiently (CofA livestreams often miss the start and drop in and out). Add subtitles (automatically generated) as the audio is not as good as it could be. Make agenda for Council, Committee, Audit and Risk, Reconciliation etc more widely available including on paper at libaries and community centres	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

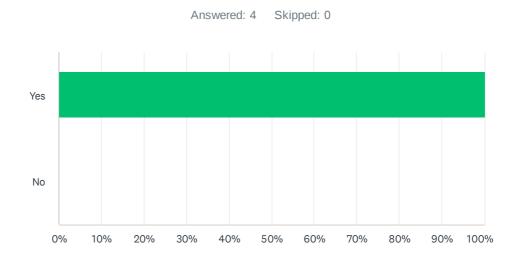
Q7 All metropolitan councils hold their council meetings during the evenings, but councils in regional areas often hold their meetings during business hours.CoA Comment:This should be an individual decision for each council, as well as considering how this may impact community participationSome regional councillors may have to travel long distances to attend meetings.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	4
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Strongly support this. Day time meetings would prevent many Elected Members from attending meetings.	3/5/2024 4:02 PM
2	Capital City Council meetings should be held at evenings when they are accessible to ratepayers with work or child minding responsibilities	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

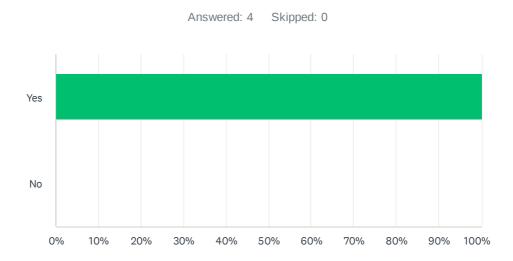
Q8 Should councils be required to hold their meetings at a particular time to maximise community participation? CoA CommentRather than a prescriptive time and given that each community has different needs, where a council chooses to hold meetings during business hours, community consultation should occur. This could occur as part of the adoption of the Code of Practice for Access to Council Meetings and Documents.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
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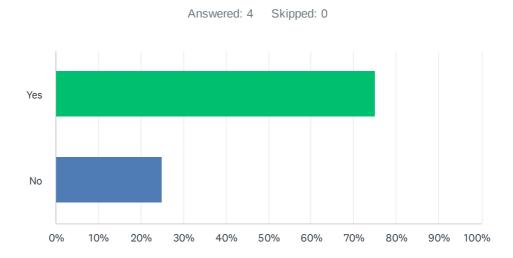
#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Formal Council and Commitee meetings should continue to be held when ratepayers can attend outside of working or family responsibilities. It may be appropriate when discussing particular community matters to hold meetings or parts of a meeting in community locations at times other than otuside of hours.	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

Q9 How should members be supported to engage directly with their communities?CoA Comment:There needs to be a clear delineation regarding context and purpose, i.e are they representing a Council-endorsed view or their own?If Council Members speak on behalf of the Council, all correspondence and communications should be authorised.Council Members should remain responsible for their statements.



ANSWER C	CHOICES	RESPONSES		
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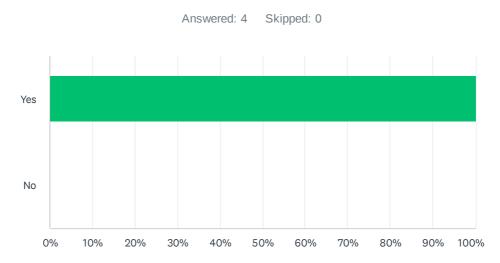
Q10 Should all council members be provided with a specific allowance to support constituent work, similar to the allowance that is provided to Members of Parliament?CoA Comment:Should be a decision of council as part of the Allowance and Benefit policy.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75.00%	3
No	25.00%	1
TOTAL		4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Should be a statewide amount set by the regulator.	3/5/2024 2:17 PM
2	Communication is costly and an allowance or even assistance with printing and distribution would be helpfyl	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

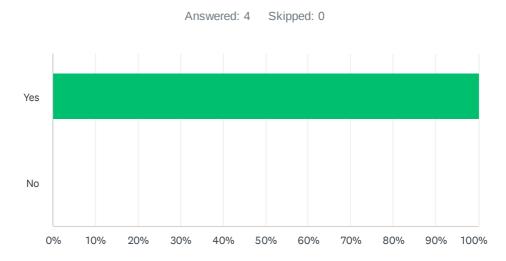
Q11 What other ideas do you have to strengthen the relationship between council members and their local community members?CoA Comment:Training as part of the Council Member Mandatory Training sessions on how to engage with communities.This training should provide guidance on using social media as well as clarifying roles and responsibilities.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	4
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	social media activity by elected members needs to be governed by stricter rules with potential bad behaviours detailed	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

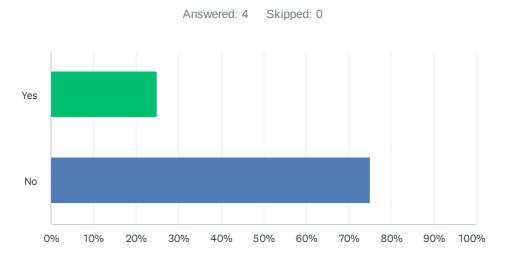
Q1 Would more, and a more diverse range of, people be attracted to the role if allowances were increased?CoA Comment:Potentially, yesSupport a review of the construct of Council Member allowances, considering what the allowances are meant to be used for, and the expectations that community members have of Council Members.Benchmarking should occur against interstate jurisdictions.Awareness of what other reimbursements candidates are entitled to (such as babysitting, mileage, etc).



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	4
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Although financial compensation should not be a driving factor I think that being a Councillor and executing this role as well as you can is very time consuming. If people don't have other financial support then this would be a deciding factor. Also if a person has a full time role they may need to reduce hours to do the role justice so the allowance could be seen to compensate the loss of income. Community members who elect people want (or should) their representatives to have the expertise, skills and experience - therefore it shouldn't be just for people who can 'afford' to throw their hat in the ring.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
2	A better explanation of the commitment would also be useful in ensuring those who accept the role understand the volume of reading and site visits necessary to understand what they are being asked to deliberate on	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

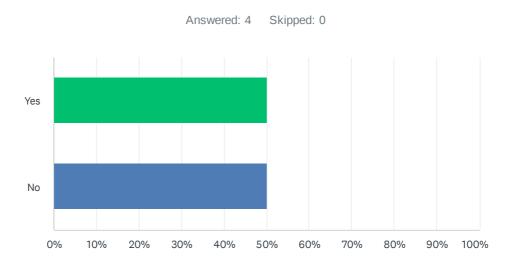
Q2 Should council members be able to attend some council meetings electronically?CoA Comment:Electronic attendance may assist flexibility, allowing Council Members to attend when they otherwise may not be able to. The ability to attend a meeting electronically should be a discretionary provision in the legislation.It should be a decision for each Council regarding: - If it will accommodate this and- Include in its Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures (including how confidentiality will be protected).



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	25.00%	1
No	75.00%	3
TOTAL		4

OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
Although I said no this is more for Council meetings. If committee or 'other' I think that should be accepted especially if it is for good reason and circumstances has put the Councillor in a situation where they didn't have the time to organise for example a baby-sitter etc.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
Instead meetings and venues should be inclusive including access, timing, support and translation. The format and culture of meetings should consider diversity.	3/5/2024 2:27 PM
Electronic attendances in only extraordinary cases and under strict rules. We have had a Councillor reportedly flirt with the idea of living outside of South Australia for extended periods which is not acceptable. The City of Adelaide has also had Committee meetings chaired electronically by individuals seated in the offices of members of parliament who, in turn, were closely identified with party politics. Moreover, confidentiality cannot be dealt with satisfactorily where the presiding member cannot be certain the all people hearing confidential matters in remote locations are, indeed, alone as can be determined when meeting in person. this is a very complex area other levels of government in Australia have not resolved and which requires much serious discussion.	3/4/2024 12:36 PM
I would be supportive of special dispensarion being given to councillors to attend committees virtually. But in person meetings for the main deliberative meetings unless entire council is unable to meet (ie covid lockdown).	2/26/2024 12:31 PM
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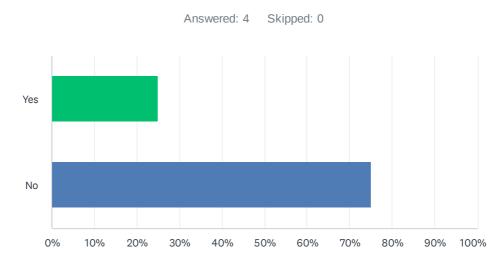
Q3 Are there other efforts that councils could make to increase interest in standing over a council term, for example, by working with ratepayers or other community organisations?CoA Comment:Councils already work extensively with community organisations to raise awareness concerning Local Government Elections and Nominations.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.00%	2
No	50.00%	2
TOTAL		4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	I think there should be more information sessions that includes existing Councillors and also the governance team. Even being a former CEO of a Council does not prepare someone for the complexities of being an Elected Member.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
2	Need a targeted strategy to ensure the make up of councils reflects their community. Also the need to live or work in the council area. This keeps people better coonnected and makes sure others see the council at work.	3/5/2024 2:27 PM
3	This is a contentious area. In the last Council elections the City of Adelaide sent staff to locations where some ratepayers were in attendance, mainly offices and shops, and provided directions regarding enrolments. No similar initiative existed for other groups of ratepayers raising the possibility of accusations that this was a very subjective campaign. Even a Council subsidiary, AEDA, resolved in a minuted decision to target business to encourage greater voter turnout among that group and that group alone. The Council Administration and subsidiaries are supposed to be independent of the political process. If they become part of the process, then, as happens, at State and Federal levels, parts of the Administrations and subsidiaries are at risk of not being trusted by the politically elected and of being subject to change at each election. Generic campaigns about "don't forget to enrol" are the only campaigns in which Council Administrations should participate.	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

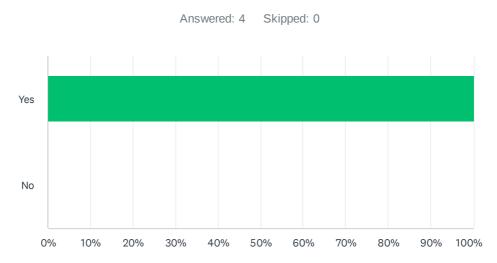
Q4 Should term limits for council members be introduced?CoA Comment:It is noted that the institutionalised knowledge long-serving Council Members bringThese members have served for a long time because their community continues to choose them to represent this.If term limits are to be introduced, three consecutive terms are proposed (12 years).



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	25.00%	1
No	75.00%	3
TOTAL		4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	If the community wants to vote in an individual they should be able to - democracy!	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
2	Just as the Council administration is served well by experienced staff with 10, 15 or 20 years of experience, so too is the elected body. A mixture of experience and the exuberance and fresh approaches of the newly elected potentially serves communities well and, indeed, this is the environment in most LGAs in South Australia. But it would be somewhat discriminatory for there to be no limit on Lord Mayoral terms, as is the case in the CofA, and limits on other elected members and no time limits at all on any elected member on any other level of Government State or federal in South Australia.	3/4/2024 12:36 PM
3	No term limits. Voters to decide on elected member tenure.	2/26/2024 12:31 PM

Q5 Should people be required to complete an online course before nominating?CoA Comment:Yes, similar to Victoria. It is important for those wanting to be a Council Member to understand their roles and responsibilities and have had a thorough induction into Local Government. This training should also include the legislative responsibilities of a candidate when campaigning



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	4
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	As much information as possible communicated in various ways is what is required.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM

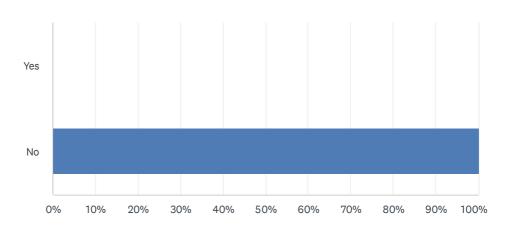
Q6 What forms of training could both benefit candidates and generate more community confidence in the people who are standing for election?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Many more information sessions, Q&A's with candidates, Q&A's with existing Councillors - similar training sessions to the mandatory sessions especially around behaviours.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
2	Roles and responsibilities and the three tiers of Australian government	3/5/2024 2:27 PM
3	ICAC training	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

Q7 Should councils have a role in the nomination process?CoA Comment:No

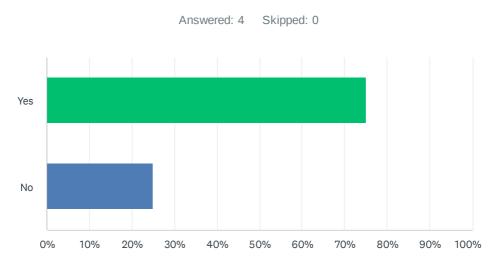




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No	100.00%	3
TOTAL		3

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Definitely not as this would encourage factions.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
2	How does a body directed by an elected body often driven by party politics have an objective role in a key part of a democratic process?	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

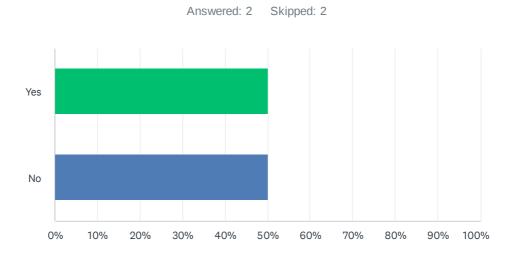
Q8 If ECSA continues to receive nominations directly, should there be arequirement for nominations to be published throughout the nomination process, not just at the end? If so, how should these be published?CoA Comment:ECSA should publish on their website daily. Extra resources should be assigned to ECSA for this purpose.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75.00%	3
No	25.00%	1
TOTAL		4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	The more transparency in the processs the better and if people see other people they know nominate it may actually encourage them.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
2	This could be manipulated by candidates.	3/5/2024 2:27 PM

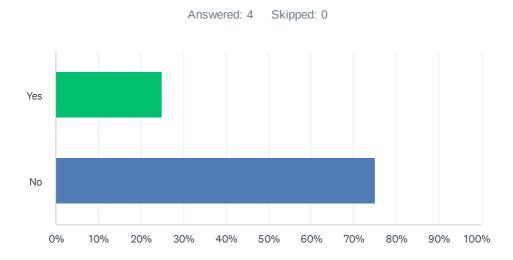
Q9 Should councils continue to have wards? If so, why? And if not, what would be the benefits of removing them? Should wards only be kept in councils where the council's size warrants their retention?CoA Comment:It should be up to the Community to decide how they want to be represented and what (if any) ward structure they think is appropriate.



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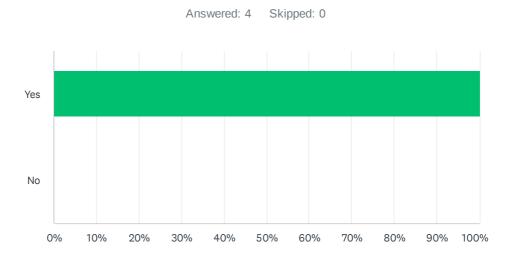
#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	I'm very much an anti-ward person. Simply because Councillors have to vote on the entire LG area they are elected to and not just their Ward. There may be an argument if the Council if it is a Council over a large geographical area.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
2	If compulsory voting then wards should continue but if voluntary voting then the electorate is too small to get quality candidates. I like the local connection and knowledge.	3/5/2024 2:27 PM
3	The principle is already established and vital for the proper functioning of LGAs - especially in regional areas. Why should City residents not have the advantage of country residents?	3/4/2024 12:36 PM
4	I think removing wards would be beneficial to the CoA as we're such a geographically small council	2/26/2024 12:31 PM

Q10 Should potential boundary changes be referred to the South Australian Boundaries Commission when a council receives significantly fewer nominations than it has vacancies?CoA Comment:No. There are several reasons why Councils do not receive enough nominations.



ANSWER C	HOICES	RESPONSES		
Yes		25.00%		1
No		75.00%		3
TOTAL				4
#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)		DATE	
1	If this happens it is probably another problem than boundaries.		3/5/2024 2:27 PM	

Q11 What are other factors that might encourage—or dissuade—people to stand for election to their councils?CoA Comment:Perception of a high-pressure culture for Council MembersAdversarial nature of debatePublic scrutiny Time commitment requiredNot knowing that training and support are provided for members to do their role Understanding of local government Lack of support for the campaign

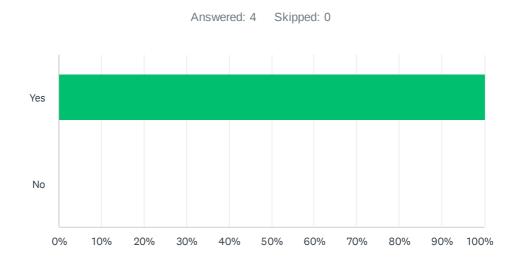


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Yes	100.00%	4
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	All of the above including financial and family commitments I could not be an Elected Member if I had a full-time role and kids and especially if I was a single parent. It is so much more than just having baby-sitters available.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
2	Also the itical nature of some of the behaviour and the use of local government as a personal career move or stepping stone. Rigidity in meeting procedure and rules about caucuses. Being an individual is very hard and scary. We need the chance to discuss things before we are in the spot light	3/5/2024 2:27 PM
3	The absence of administrative support which has diminished to a point where it is but a fraction of what was available The increasing participation of political parties that resource candidates and elected members to the disadvantage of people who are independent The onerous provisions of behavioral code complaints	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

Q12 What ideas do you have to increase nominations?CoA

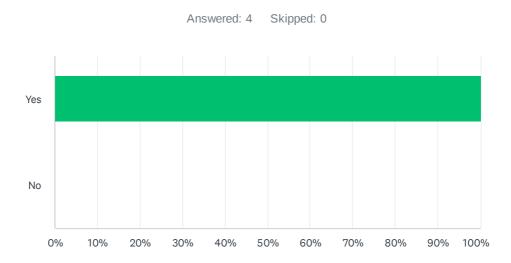
Comment:Link to promotion – understanding of the role, making known the support available Pre-mentor program started well before the election cycle Mid-term programs promoting the role of the Council Member



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	4
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	I've emphasized the importance of additional sessions with both current Councillors and Administration beyond just during election periods. Ideally, initiating these sessions a year in advance would be my preference. Furthermore, we must address the issue of encouraging more women to nominate for these roles. I've encountered instances where younger women withdrew their nominations upon realizing the significant time and commitment demanded by the position. Balancing these responsibilities with personal and professional commitments can seem insurmountable, especially considering that women still predominantly assume the role of primary caregivers for their families, including children and elderly parents.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
2	Fix what's wrong with perceptions about the downsides too	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

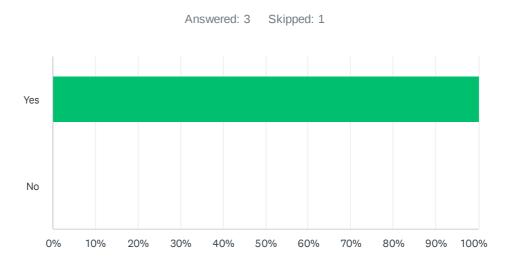
Q1 Is there any particular reason why councils do not warrant compulsory voting when the two other spheres of Australian governments do? Should voting for councils be compulsory in South Australian council elections?CoA Comment:Compulsory voting should be introduced for the House of Assembly Roll in line with other jurisdictions across Australia



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	4
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	By LG elections not being mandatory makes it looks like that this level of government is less important than State and Federal LG is essential for the 'health' of a community -I would like to see the other two levels of government take-over - rates, rubbish and roads and all the other community services!?	3/6/2024 10:16 AM

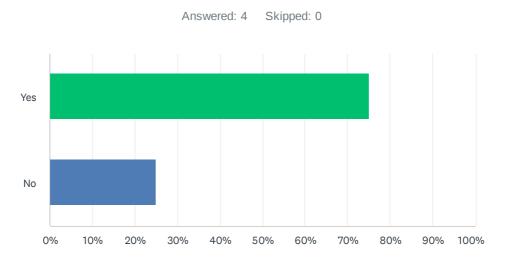
Q2 How should people vote for their councils?CoA
Comment:PostalPostal voting is a very convenient method for the
community.It is noted there were numerous complaints during the last
election with residents not receiving voting material or receiving incorrect
voting material.Delays by Australia Post meant some voting material
wasn't reissued.If postal voting is to be continued - the Council should be
able to reissue in the last week of the voting periodIn PersonIf
compulsory voting was introduced, voting in person could be introduced.
If compulsory voting is not introduced, voter participation will likely
decrease



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	3
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		3

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Voting should reflect how we operate in other areas of our lives - so both postal and electronic should be an option- especially if not mandated.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
2	Strongly support in person voting	3/5/2024 4:05 PM
3	Compulsory, in person voting will lead to a highly politicised Iga environment where the candidates will be in training for higher political office. In the City of Adelaide, it would also be difficult to overcome the particular problems with allowing votes associated with a supplementary roll for non resident property owners. Leave it voluntary, with as with State and Federal the possibility of postal votes and in person votes to assist in minimizing electoral vote rigging.	3/4/2024 12:47 PM
4	I support compulsory (for HoA roll voters) with in person elections. (Postal remain for those that require it, similar to state and federal elections).	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

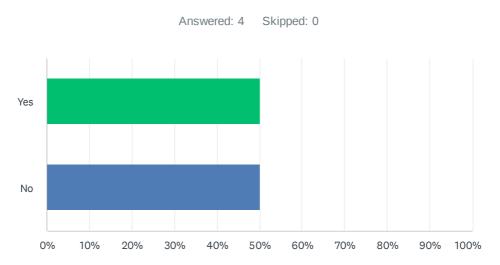
Q3 Should the franchise for council elections be changed in any way? CoA Comment:Form OneThe requirements for non-citizens should be tightened to ensure that there is a reasonable interest in the outcome of the election, and, if a candidate, that the candidate will be able to fulfil their term of office. It is suggested that they:- Be a permanent resident or have the right to work. - Provide proof of identity, status and residence when completing the forms. This process should be managed by ECSA with consideration given to language barriers.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75.00%	3
No	25.00%	1
TOTAL		4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	A person should NOT be able to vote or nominate unless they have been a resident of the area for a least 1 year.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
2	Absolutely	3/4/2024 12:47 PM
3	Citizens and permanent residents.	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

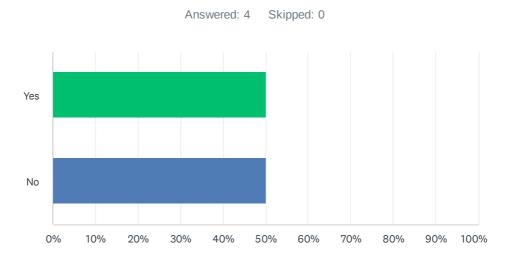
Q4 Should council elections be moved to a different year from South Australian Government elections?CoA Comment:Running the state and local government elections in the same year puts increased strain on ECSA's finite resources.A move to a different year may increase the local government elections profile.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.00%	2
No	50.00%	2
TOTAL		4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Support the same year	3/5/2024 4:05 PM
2	Year after State elections.	3/4/2024 12:47 PM
3	A number of unsuccessful candidates from the state election might want to run in their local council area. The current timeline provides an adequate 7-8 month gap between the two elections.	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

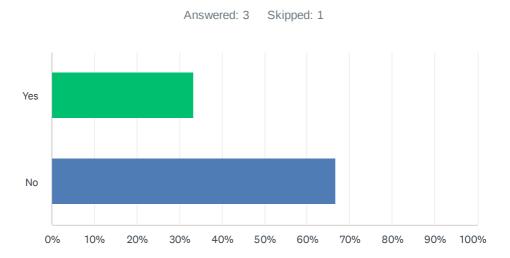
Q5 Should councils have a stronger role in promoting elections locally to increase voter turnout?CoA Comment:Councils already play a large role in local promotion. Better coordination between ECSA and LGA campaigns and collateral would be beneficial.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.00%	2
No	50.00%	2
TOTAL		4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	A more collaborative process between the LGASA, ECSA and the LG area should occur and not just at the 11th hour.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
2	Compulsory voting for HoA roll would significantly increase turnout.	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

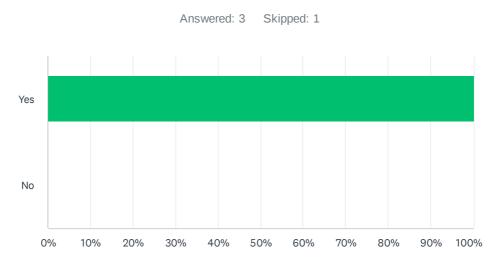
Q6 Would removing wards provide voters with greater choice, and produce fairer results?CoA Comment:In the City of Adelaide, it could decrease voter turnout, some voters currently vote in a number of wards (as they may live in one ward and own businesses in other wards).The decision to remove wards should be up to that Community (as above).



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.33%	1
No	66.67%	2
TOTAL		3

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	As stated previously I do not support Wards as the EM is making decisions on the entire LG area they represent NOT just their Ward.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
2	Support removal of wards	3/5/2024 4:05 PM
3	If it isn't broken don't fix it	3/4/2024 12:47 PM
4	Remove wards	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

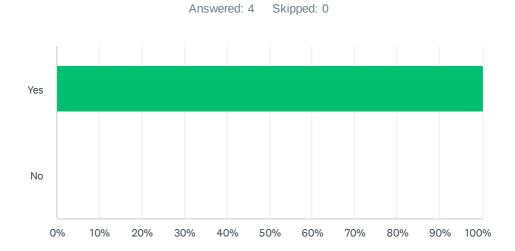
Q7 Is it fair for someone who has 'served their time' to have to release this information? COA Comment:Candidates should meet minimum eligibility requirement (similar to ASX director requirements, working with children check). That a candidate meets the minimum eligibility requirements to nominate is what the community should be informed of, not personal details.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	3
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		3

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	For all the reasons why other Boards do this not just ASX directors. People who are nominating should be required to have a DIN.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
2	No opinion	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

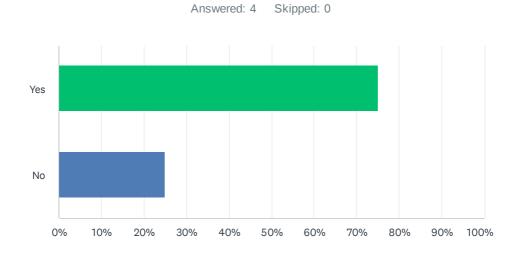
Q8 What information should candidates be required to include with their nominations?CoA Comment:Political affiliationsLive in the council area (and what ward)A Declaration form (similar to register of interest) which has the same public information as serving Council Members have



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	4
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	I think it is critical that an Elected Member lives and or works in the area. The issue to address is people who 'just move in' so they can nominate and then 'move out' when people aren't noticing. Also if a person decides to run for State or Federal government they should be forced to resign from Council. It would be very clear at that time what political party they are supporting and this would most likely influence their decision making and LG EM's should be 'A political'.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
2	Political affiliations in the past five years not just a year. Also residential address for the past two years must be declared as part of one's candidacy and there should be a constant requirement to update residential address where the address changes to one outside of the lga represented. There have been shocking instances of candidates moving to an lga 8 weeks before an election and then out of the same lg a to one they do not represent only weeks after an election. Such practices serve to destroy voter confidence in our system of government.	3/4/2024 12:47 PM

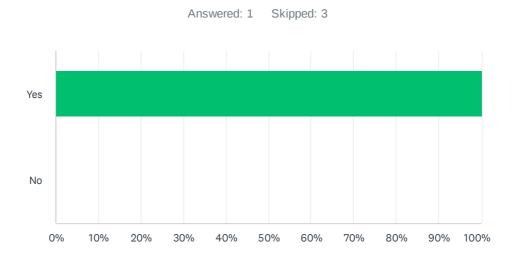
Q9 Is there a role for councils to play in enabling all candidates to reach potential voters?CoA Comment:It is a decision for each Council if they would like to run information sessions such as candidate nights etc.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75.00%	3
No	25.00%	1
TOTAL		4

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	However this must be executed fairly.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
2	Some candidates work a lot harder than others to reach potential voters. It's not the councils job to prop up ineffective candidates.	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

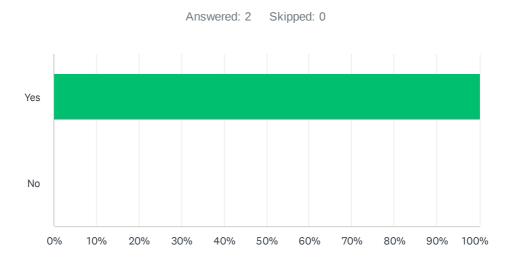
Q10 What are other factors that might encourage—or dissuade—people to stand for election to their councils?CoA Comment:Perception of a high-pressure culture for Council MembersAdversarial nature of debatePublic scrutiny Time commitment requiredNot knowing that training and support is provided for members to do their role Understanding of local government Lack of support to campaign



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	1
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		1

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Time, money and family commitments etc. as mentioned previously.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
2	previously answered	3/4/2024 12:47 PM

Q1 All residential enrolments to be managed by AEC?CoA Comment:Currently individual councils manage Form 1 enrolment applications for residential individuals who do not currently qualify for entry on to the House of Assembly roll.An improvement would be for all residential enrolments regardless of the individual's status (citizen or not) be managed by the ECSA and included on the House of Assembly roll.



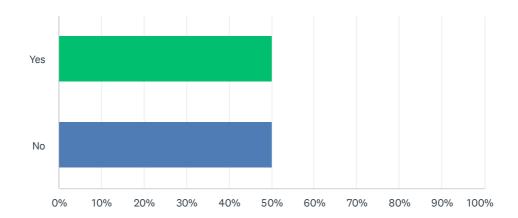
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	2
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		2

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Consistency	3/6/2024 10:27 AM

Q2 Statute Amendments are significantly problematic?CoA Comment: The changes imposed on CoA under the recent Statute Amendments: Impose obligations on Council staff which are very labourintensive and costly, to be performed within very limited timeframes on top of current election activities and existing timeframes. Additional FTE/s required as:- new template correspondence will need to be drafted and sent to all bodies corporate and groups on the voter's roll; dealing with nominations received from bodies corporate and groups will require data entry, and will also require checking whether the nominated person already appears on the voters roll or is entitled to be enrolled on the voter's roll (in which case they are not eligible persons); - the process for nominating 'default persons' for bodies corporate (and groups which include bodies corporate) which do not nominate their own eligible person relies upon data held in ASIC's database and therefore might not be possible to automate to any great extent; - the process for nominating 'default persons' also requires checking whether the potential default person already appears on the voters roll or is entitled to be enrolled on the voters' roll; - redactions will need to be made to the version of voters roll available for inspection by the public; (In practice would be problematic)- all of the above must occur within strict timeframes; and There are a significant number of bodies corporate and groups on the Council's voters roll compared to other councils, and the above steps must be applied for all of those bodies corporate and groups. These obligations are in addition to the Council and the CEO's existing obligations which are already complex and challenging and may well require changes to the current system in place that produce the voter's roll.CoA nominating a default nominee may disenfranchise a number of bodies corporate and groups solely on the irrational basis of what letter people's surnames begin with; andIn some cases, invest the Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with the unusual power to 'choosing'; who can vote. No similar amendments are being made with respect to any other Council.In relation to achieving the above obligations, Council believes the costs associated with additional FTE requirements, postage and potential changes to systems would be well in excess of \$100,000.

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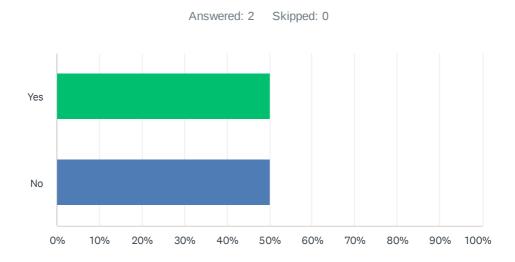
Recommendation 1 - Item 4.1 - Attachment B Local Government Participation Elections Review



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.00%	1
No	50.00%	1
TOTAL		2

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	and I think it would be well worth the investment as the 'fish rots from the head' and 4 years can be a long time. So having more resources to assist can only be a good thing maybe it could be on a 'fixed term' contract.	3/6/2024 10:27 AM
2	Turn as much of the process for elections over to ECSA. Council administrations should not be tasked with any role that puts them at odds with elected members, potential elected members, enrolled voters or potential enrolled voters. The process must be seen to be completely independent in order for electors to have confidence in the system.	3/4/2024 12:50 PM

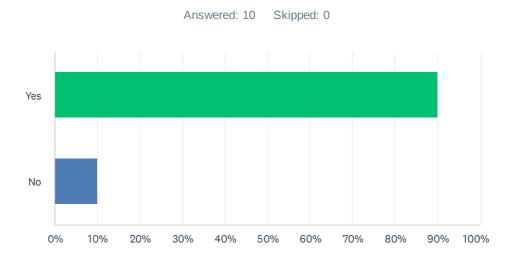
Q3 Suggested change to existing voting eligibility for Head Lease holder?CoA Comment:Currently a holder of a headlease who is not in occupation of the land (i.e. a head lessee who has wholly sub-let property to another) is considered an 'owner' under the Local Government Act 1999. When this situation occurs, under the Act neither party is eligible to be enrolled to vote in their own right. Instead, they must be enrolled as a group of owners. An unattended consequence is that each unique owner and head lessee combination would constitute a unique voter's group. In relation to the above, there are significant practical issues in that Council is expected to somehow know of and record the details of all owners, including people who hold leases but do not occupy the land. While the Council learns of changes to ownership through the LTO, there is no practical way to learn of changes to commercial leasing arrangements. The Council's system can record the property owner and the occupier but is not able to accurately record and capture head lessees and reflect the correct voting entitlement. Further, it is unlikely that property owners and headlease holders would be aware they are only entitled to a group voting entitlement



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.00%	1
No	50.00%	1
TOTAL		2

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	This is a very complicated topic as I deal with the LTO on a daily basis. I think this needs to be reviewed it is own right and at the moment there is probably no real 'yes' and 'no' answer however more 'maybe'	3/6/2024 10:27 AM

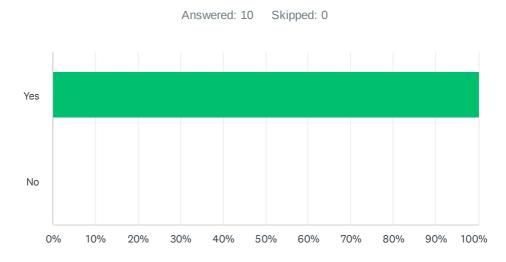
Q1 What requirements should be set for councils' community engagement for what decisions?CoA Comment:The City of Adelaide (CoA) endorses the Local Government Association's (LGA) draft Community Engagement Charter (Charter) and supports the minimum consultation period for those activities outlined in that document.Standardised engagement approach for those items listed in Category A in the LGA's draft charter.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	90.00%	9
No	10.00%	1
TOTAL		10

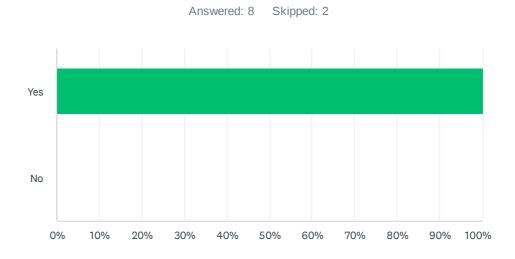
#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	It has not increased voter turn out so is not worthy of retention.	3/20/2024 3:31 PM

Q2 What should be included in the Charter and what should be left for councils' own community engagement policies?CoA Comment:CoA considers the current proposal outlined in the draft LGA Charter appropriate. The engagement approach should be standardised for significant engagements and activities listed in Category A. Other engagements should be based on principles and what the council wants to achieve rather than being prescriptive about the how.



ANSWER C	CHOICES	RESPONSES		
Yes		100.00%		10
No		0.00%		0
TOTAL				10
#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)		DATE	
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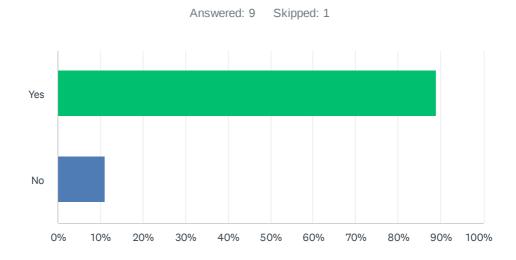
Q3 Should councils have the capacity to determine how they will engage with their communities, or should the Charter be more directive in its approach?CoA Comment:Councils should have the capacity to determine how they engage. It is recognised, however, that there are some topics (such as those identified in Category A of the draft charter) that there would be a community expectation to a minimum consistent standard. As a Capital City Council, it is essential that CoA is able to develop a consultation policy appropriate for its community. As a capital city, a significant part of our community is non-residents. As such, we need to ensure our engagement approach is fit for purpose.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	8
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		8

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Plus special consideration given to our city's need to (and difficulties with) residents high density housing (many of which do not engage with mailboxes much), student housing, residential colleges, international owners and higher than normal state government agencies. A standardised approach is fine but if it is too prescriptive then the city will not be able to be flexible.	3/21/2024 11:07 AM
2	The city of Adelaide has very different complexities than a suburban council. The consultation needs to be fit for purpose and target those affected to have a more significant say. Businesses and commercial property owners are sometimes left out of the conversation or not actively pursued when it relates specifically to them. Residents and non-ratepayers end up having a dominate voice on matters that don't impact them	3/20/2024 4:35 PM

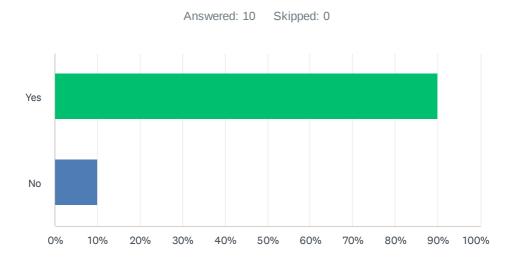
Q4 What other ideas do you have for councils' community engagement? CoA Comment: Having a panel of hard-to-reach groups and stakeholdersCoA recognises the community's expectation of having plain English documents with both summarised and detailed information. Councils must also communicate better regarding how community feedback has been incorporated into decisions Focus on building a relationship with the community rather than a one-way relationship of 'obtaining feedback'.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	88.89%	8
No	11.11%	1
TOTAL		9

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	need to consider how we engage with people where English is not their first language, particularly our large mandarin speaking population. Also need a specific strategy to engage with people who live in high-rise as it is often difficult to access letterboxes.	3/21/2024 10:58 AM
2	Target advisory groups, event organisers, and specific organisations that can offer some constructive input to the consultation.	3/20/2024 4:35 PM
3	multilingual information	3/20/2024 3:31 PM
4	Genuine consultation needs to happen	3/5/2024 2:17 PM
5	Yes engage with advisory groups charged with providing feedback who then engage with Council or Committee meetings	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

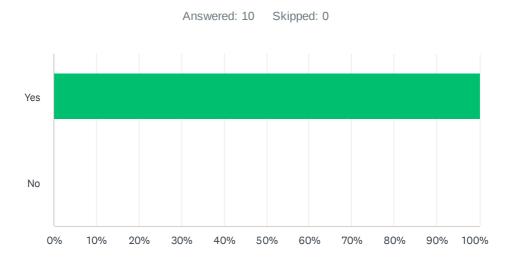
Q5 How would you like to see councils engage with you?CoA Comment:Feedback from we have heard from the community via our engagement activities includes the following:Longer consultation periods so group submissions can be madeRegular events where community members can discuss matters directly with the Lord Mayor and Councillors. The community is informed of the decision made and the outcome as a result of the feedback they have provided (closing the loop).



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	90.00%	9
No	10.00%	1
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Consultation periods could be partially tethered to project scale and complexity rather than extending the period for all projects.	3/21/2024 11:07 AM
2	we could use precinct and community groups and also community development officers as facilitators for community engagement.	3/21/2024 10:58 AM
3	consultation is very poor Your Say is inaccessible, and designed to inform more than educate and consult responses should not be open to entire state and should preference local voters and residents	3/20/2024 3:31 PM
4	Regular events for constituents to engage with the LM and Councillors. Reinstate LM fora for resident groups and precinct groups and expand to include randomly identified individuals to be asked to attend discussions with LM and Councillors 3 times a year	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

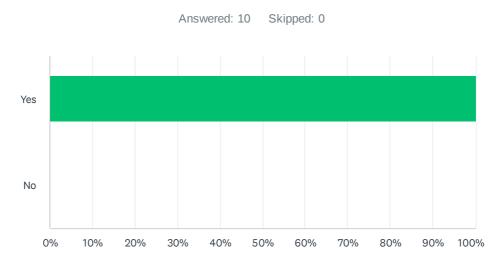
Q6 Should councils be required to livestream their meetings and make recordings available? CoA Comment: CoA has live-streamed its meetings and made them available on the internet before COVID-19. Councils should ensure that the meetings are inclusive and accessible to all members of the Community Council considers live streaming an essential service for those members of the community unable to attend meetings in personIt should remain the decision of individual Councils whether they do so.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	10
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Continue live streaming but more efficiently (CofA livestreams often miss the start and drop in and out). Add subtitles (automatically generated) as the audio is not as good as it could be. Make agenda for Council, Committee, Audit and Risk, Reconciliation etc more widely available including on paper at libaries and community centres	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

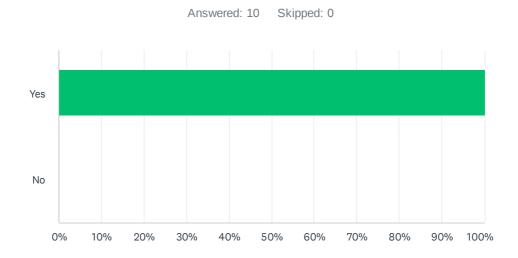
Q7 All metropolitan councils hold their council meetings during the evenings, but councils in regional areas often hold their meetings during business hours.CoA Comment:This should be an individual decision for each council, as well as considering how this may impact community participationSome regional councillors may have to travel long distances to attend meetings.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	10
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Strongly support this. Day time meetings would prevent many Elected Members from attending meetings.	3/5/2024 4:02 PM
2	Capital City Council meetings should be held at evenings when they are accessible to ratepayers with work or child minding responsibilities	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

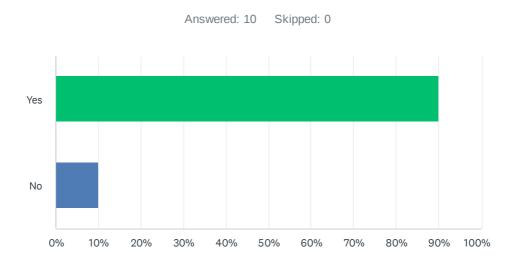
Q8 Should councils be required to hold their meetings at a particular time to maximise community participation? CoA CommentRather than a prescriptive time and given that each community has different needs, where a council chooses to hold meetings during business hours, community consultation should occur. This could occur as part of the adoption of the Code of Practice for Access to Council Meetings and Documents.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	10
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		10

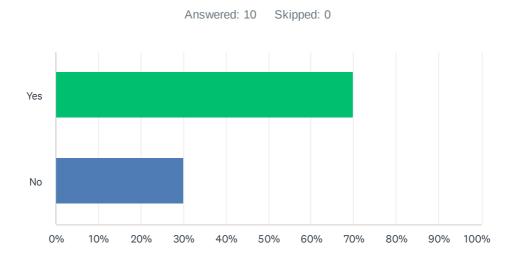
#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Formal Council and Commitee meetings should continue to be held when ratepayers can attend outside of working or family responsibilities. It may be appropriate when discussing particular community matters to hold meetings or parts of a meeting in community locations at times other than otuside of hours.	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

Q9 How should members be supported to engage directly with their communities?CoA Comment:There needs to be a clear delineation regarding context and purpose, i.e are they representing a Council-endorsed view or their own?If Council Members speak on behalf of the Council, all correspondence and communications should be authorised.Council Members should remain responsible for their statements.



ANSWER C	CHOICES	RESPONSES		
Yes		90.00%		9
No		10.00%		1
TOTAL				10
#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)		DATE	
	There are no responses.			

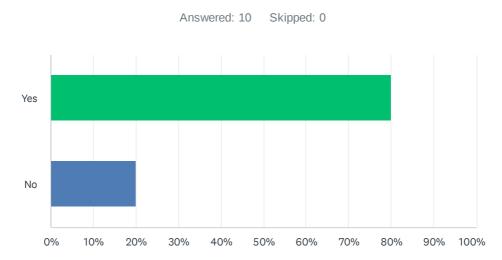
Q10 Should all council members be provided with a specific allowance to support constituent work, similar to the allowance that is provided to Members of Parliament?CoA Comment:Should be a decision of council as part of the Allowance and Benefit policy.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	70.00%	7
No	30.00%	3
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Would not support an allowance without an aquittal/approval process similar to the Global Allowance process used by State Parliament (eligble inclusions for reimbursement).	3/21/2024 11:07 AM
2	this could be open to conflicts and difficult to monitor use.	3/21/2024 10:58 AM
3	A centrally managed fund can be created for eligible reimbursements, however not individual allowances.	3/20/2024 11:11 AM
4	Should be a statewide amount set by the regulator.	3/5/2024 2:17 PM
5	Communication is costly and an allowance or even assistance with printing and distribution would be helpfyl	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

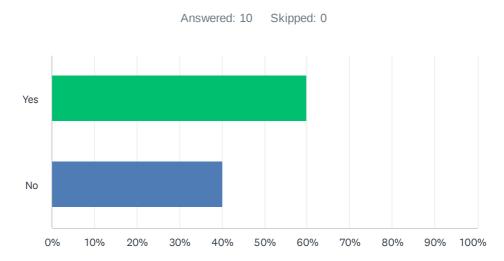
Q11 What other ideas do you have to strengthen the relationship between council members and their local community members?CoA Comment:Training as part of the Council Member Mandatory Training sessions on how to engage with communities.This training should provide guidance on using social media as well as clarifying roles and responsibilities.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	80.00%	8
No	20.00%	2
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	better connection between council members and staff who are working on the ground such as place coordinators, library staff, and community development officers.	3/21/2024 10:58 AM
2	An elected member is an individual elected by the ratepayers. There should not be any restrictions on their freedom to speak their mind or have a view on social media. It would be the same as if they were speaking to their ratepayers in person. If more restrictions are placed on elected members, they should have an allowance to have a social media expert engaged to run their page. State and Federal politicians and the Lord Mayor have staff that support them with their content. However, an elected member pays for their own newsletters and runs their social media from their allowance. If we want to encourage people to enter this role, we can't put red tape around it and expect them to navigate their way through it without an extra allowance. Unless this happens, no extra policies or restrictions should be put on an elected member with the use of social media and newsletters.	3/20/2024 4:35 PM
3	The poor quality of councilors impacts on reputation and capacity	3/20/2024 3:31 PM
4	social media activity by elected members needs to be governed by stricter rules with potential bad behaviours detailed	3/4/2024 11:53 AM

Q1 Would more, and a more diverse range of, people be attracted to the role if allowances were increased?CoA Comment:Potentially, yesSupport a review of the construct of Council Member allowances, considering what the allowances are meant to be used for, and the expectations that community members have of Council Members.Benchmarking should occur against interstate jurisdictions.Awareness of what other reimbursements candidates are entitled to (such as babysitting, mileage, etc).



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.00%	6
No	40.00%	4
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	However many suburban councils have lower allowances but more diverse ranges of people. Adelaide has over-representation of people involved in the property industry, who would be attracted to council for their ability to influence decision-making as opposed to being influenced by a good allowance to support their work and their constituents.	3/21/2024 11:21 AM
2	I think the current allowance is adequate. we need to keep with community expectations and not be seen as standing for council for the money.	3/21/2024 11:13 AM
3	The allowance is a driving factor in attracting a diverse range of high-quality people to the role. Especially for a Capital City, where many decisions are complex, ensuring you are across all documentation can be time-consuming. Meeting with ratepayers and ensuring you are communicating with all stakeholders is another factor in the time you need to give to this role.	3/20/2024 5:22 PM
4	Remuneration is already high and too much of an incentive to be deputy lord mayor. Remuneration should be linked to attendance at committee and council meetings	3/20/2024 3:37 PM
5	Council is to serve the community, and people need to be attracted for the right reasons, certainly not financial incentives. One of the big discouraging elements is negative media which are scaring good people away, unfortunately sometimes the negativities are generated from internally.	3/20/2024 12:16 PM
6	Although financial compensation should not be a driving factor I think that being a Councillor and executing this role as well as you can is very time consuming. If people don't have	3/6/2024 9:56 AM

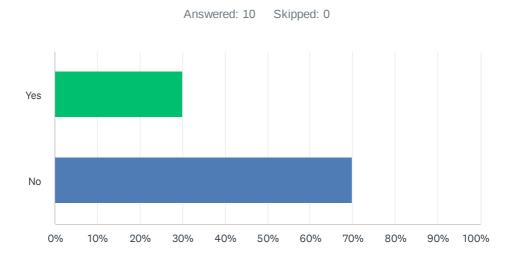
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other financial support then this would be a deciding factor. Also if a person has a full time role they may need to reduce hours to do the role justice so the allowance could be seen to compensate the loss of income. Community members who elect people want (or should) their representatives to have the expertise, skills and experience - therefore it shouldn't be just for people who can 'afford' to throw their hat in the ring.

A better explanation of the commitment would also be useful in ensuring those who accept the role understand the volume of reading and site visits necessary to understand what they are being asked to deliberate on

3/4/2024 12:36 PM

Q2 Should council members be able to attend some council meetings electronically?CoA Comment:Electronic attendance may assist flexibility, allowing Council Members to attend when they otherwise may not be able to. The ability to attend a meeting electronically should be a discretionary provision in the legislation.It should be a decision for each Council regarding: - If it will accommodate this and- Include in its Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures (including how confidentiality will be protected).



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	30.00%	3
No	70.00%	7
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Mixed meetings are disruptive to the conduct of discussion and generally result in poor engagement from online participants. Council would not be able to ensure confidentiality of discussions held in confidence and that discussions are not privately recorded.	3/21/2024 11:21 AM
2	face to face interactions are important for discussions and debate. Maybe some briefings could be on zoom if they are information only.	3/21/2024 11:13 AM
3	We need to be flexible with the time requirements that people put in as elected members. Someone may not physically be able to attend a meeting in the evening due to a child being sick, caring for elderly parents, etc. However, if a councillor has put in leave, then they can't attend the meeting.	3/20/2024 5:22 PM
4	too risky on that remote attendance encourages poor attention	3/20/2024 3:37 PM
5	Yes but should apply in advance and limited to once or twice every year.	3/20/2024 12:16 PM
6	Although I said no this is more for Council meetings. If committee or 'other' I think that should be accepted especially if it is for good reason and circumstances has put the Councillor in a situation where they didn't have the time to organise for example a baby-	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
	sitter etc.	
7	Instead meetings and venues should be inclusive including access, timing, support and translation. The format and culture of meetings should consider diversity.	3/5/2024 2:27 PM

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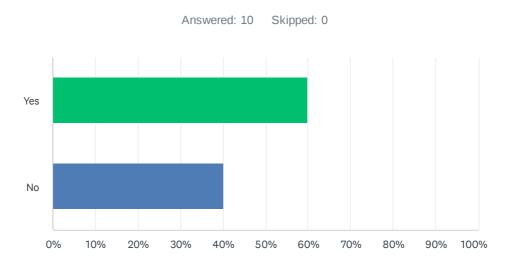
Councillor reportedly flirt with the idea of living outside of South Australia for extended periods which is not acceptable. The City of Adelaide has also had Committee meetings chaired electronically by individuals seated in the offices of members of parliament ... who, in turn, were closely identified with party politics. Moreover, confidentiality cannot be dealt with satisfactorily where the presiding member cannot be certain the all people hearing confidential matters in remote locations are, indeed, alone as can be determined when meeting in person. this is a very complex area other levels of government in Australia have not resolved and which requires much serious discussion.

I would be supportive of special dispensarion being given to councillors to attend committees virtually. But in person meetings for the main deliberative meetings unless entire council is unable to meet (ie covid lockdown).

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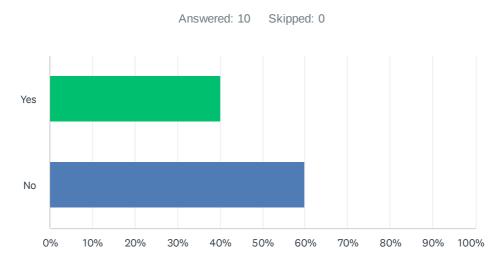
Q3 Are there other efforts that councils could make to increase interest in standing over a council term, for example, by working with ratepayers or other community organisations?CoA Comment:Councils already work extensively with community organisations to raise awareness concerning Local Government Elections and Nominations.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.00%	6
No	40.00%	4
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	I don't think most people realize the importance and difficulty of council work and the sacrifice Councillors have to make to do our job.	3/20/2024 12:16 PM
2	I think there should be more information sessions that includes existing Councillors and also the governance team. Even being a former CEO of a Council does not prepare someone for the complexities of being an Elected Member.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
3	Need a targeted strategy to ensure the make up of councils reflects their community. Also the need to live or work in the council area. This keeps people better coonnected and makes sure others see the council at work.	3/5/2024 2:27 PM
4	This is a contentious area. In the last Council elections the City of Adelaide sent staff to locations where some ratepayers were in attendance, mainly offices and shops, and provided directions regarding enrolments. No similar initiative existed for other groups of ratepayers raising the possibility of accusations that this was a very subjective campaign. Even a Council subsidiary, AEDA, resolved in a minuted decision to target business to encourage greater voter turnout among that group and that group alone. The Council Administration and subsidiaries are supposed to be independent of the political process. If they become part of the process, then, as happens, at State and Federal levels, parts of the Administrations and subsidiaries are at risk of not being trusted by the politically elected and of being subject to change at each election. Generic campaigns about "don't forget to enrol" are the only campaigns in which Council Administrations should participate.	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

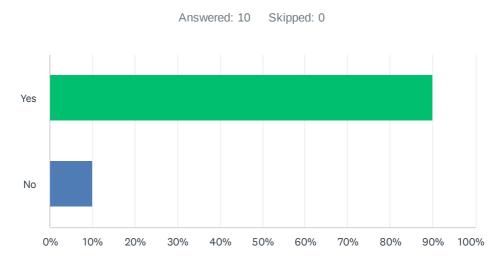
Q4 Should term limits for council members be introduced?CoA Comment:It is noted that the institutionalised knowledge long-serving Council Members bringThese members have served for a long time because their community continues to choose them to represent this.If term limits are to be introduced, three consecutive terms are proposed (12 years).



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	40.00%	4
No	60.00%	6
TOTAL		10

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1	This is a difficult one to answer. The fact that councillors are elected on a small number of votes and that there is poor voting attendance for local government elections, in my opinion, allows someone to keep being elected by that same small number of people. It ends being that person knows their voter base and only makes decisions to please that dominant vote group and doesn't properly represent the broader community that hasn't voted. The voting system is failing our community, and unless there is a more significant voter turn the same people are elected. So to answer the question yes if the system remains the sameno if they bring a compulsory voting that is fair and equitable.	3/20/2024 5:22 PM
2	3 terms sounds reasonable but should not preclude current Councillors to run for two more terms.	3/20/2024 12:16 PM
3	If the community wants to vote in an individual they should be able to - democracy!	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
4	Just as the Council administration is served well by experienced staff with 10, 15 or 20 years of experience, so too is the elected body. A mixture of experience and the exuberance and fresh approaches of the newly elected potentially serves communities well and, indeed, this is the environment in most LGAs in South Australia. But it would be somewhat discriminatory for there to be no limit on Lord Mayoral terms, as is the case in the CofA, and limits on other elected members and no time limits at all on any elected member on any other level of Government State or federal in South Australia.	3/4/2024 12:36 PM
5	No term limits. Voters to decide on elected member tenure.	2/26/2024 12:31 PM

Q5 Should people be required to complete an online course before nominating?CoA Comment:Yes, similar to Victoria. It is important for those wanting to be a Council Member to understand their roles and responsibilities and have had a thorough induction into Local Government. This training should also include the legislative responsibilities of a candidate when campaigning



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	90.00%	9
No	10.00%	1
TOTAL		10

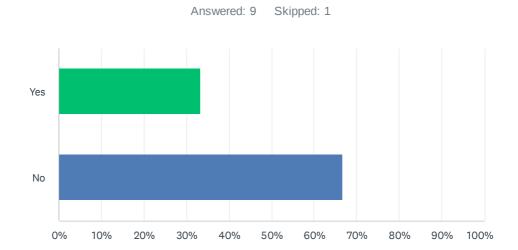
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1	Helps nominees understand what they are nominating for, can expedite induction and training process for successful candidates. Can weed out and discourage feeder and throwaway candidates.	3/21/2024 11:21 AM
2	This question again depends on the following: YES, if the role had a higher allowance, was more of a full-time position, and had more support for councillors to fulfil the demanding role. NO if the allowance is remains minimal.	3/20/2024 5:22 PM
3	they should demonstrate literacy , comprehension and understanding of the legislation and probity. There should be a barrier and failure preclude nomination	3/20/2024 3:37 PM
4	As much information as possible communicated in various ways is what is required.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM

Q6 What forms of training could both benefit candidates and generate more community confidence in the people who are standing for election?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	councillor obligations under Local Government Act Roles and responsibilities of local government	3/21/2024 11:21 AM
2	understanding the local government act	3/21/2024 11:13 AM
3	Training needs to be available and tailored to the individual. some may request more some may need less. It depends on their experience. Therefore what the elected member needs to effectively carry out their position should be given to them.	3/20/2024 5:22 PM
4	Training Plus Exam	3/20/2024 4:22 PM
5	training is pointless if there are is no test or accreditation process	3/20/2024 3:37 PM
6	Online self paced training which has an online test attached to it, or even a classroom style exam.	3/20/2024 12:16 PM
7	Many more information sessions, Q&A's with candidates, Q&A's with existing Councillors - similar training sessions to the mandatory sessions especially around behaviours.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
8	Roles and responsibilities and the three tiers of Australian government	3/5/2024 2:27 PM
9	ICAC training	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

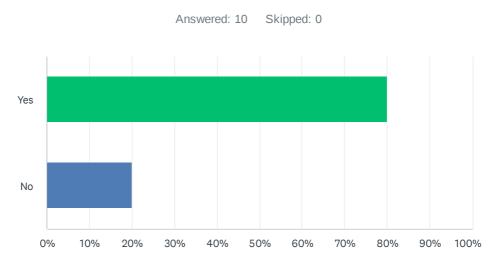
Q7 Should councils have a role in the nomination process?CoA Comment:No



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.33%	3
No	66.67%	6
TOTAL		9

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Absolutely NOT	3/20/2024 5:22 PM
2	Definitely not as this would encourage factions.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
3	How does a body directed by an elected body often driven by party politics have an objective role in a key part of a democratic process?	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

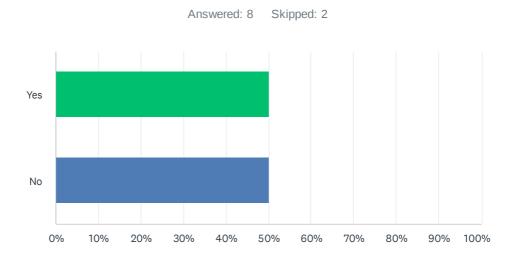
Q8 If ECSA continues to receive nominations directly, should there be arequirement for nominations to be published throughout the nomination process, not just at the end? If so, how should these be published?CoA Comment:ECSA should publish on their website daily. Extra resources should be assigned to ECSA for this purpose.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	80.00%	8
No	20.00%	2
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Information should be published as the nominations come in. Councils should post the nominations within Town Hall for those who don't follow online. ECSA or council dont need extra resources; it's not difficult to do or time-consuming.	3/20/2024 5:22 PM
2	People will still strategically timing their nomination. Better not waste time and resources on this.	3/20/2024 12:16 PM
3	The more transparency in the processs the better and if people see other people they know nominate it may actually encourage them.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
4	This could be manipulated by candidates.	3/5/2024 2:27 PM

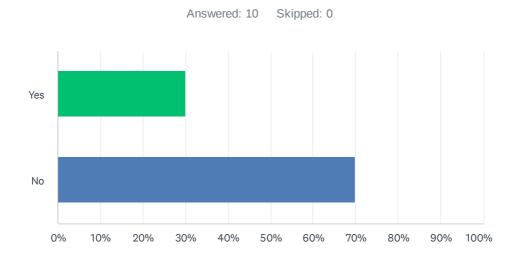
Q9 Should councils continue to have wards? If so, why? And if not, what would be the benefits of removing them? Should wards only be kept in councils where the council's size warrants their retention?CoA Comment:It should be up to the Community to decide how they want to be represented and what (if any) ward structure they think is appropriate.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
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No	50.00%	4
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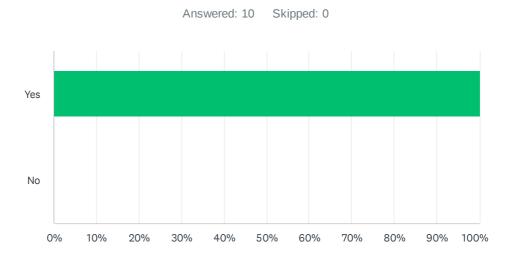
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1	Especially in the city there is more interest in nominating than many other council areas. Going by 2022, a list of nearly 50 candidates on one list to choose from would likely result in poor outcomes for the community with disinterest in learning about so many different candidates.	3/21/2024 11:21 AM
2	if voting is compulsory then I believe wards should continue as this connects councillors better with their community but if it continues to be voluntary, then there should not be wards as the numbers required to be elected are way too small to be properly representative.	3/21/2024 11:13 AM
3	I disagree with Wards. Councillors make decisions for the whole of the city. We are a small council, and having wards and area councillors does not make sense. However, wards would be appropriate if the City of Adelaide amalgamates with adjoining councils and expands its boundary.	3/20/2024 5:22 PM
4	wards should stay	3/20/2024 3:37 PM
5	The concept of ward can attract candidates from a more diverse background as they might only be interested in certain aspects of council work.	3/20/2024 12:16 PM
6	I'm very much an anti-ward person. Simply because Councillors have to vote on the entire LG area they are elected to and not just their Ward. There may be an argument if the Council if it is a Council over a large geographical area.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
7	If compulsory voting then wards should continue but if voluntary voting then the electorate is too small to get quality candidates. I like the local connection and knowledge.	3/5/2024 2:27 PM
8	The principle is already established and vital for the proper functioning of LGAs - especially in regional areas. Why should City residents not have the advantage of country residents?	3/4/2024 12:36 PM
9	I think removing wards would be beneficial to the CoA as we're such a geographically small	2/26/2024 12:31 PM

Q10 Should potential boundary changes be referred to the South Australian Boundaries Commission when a council receives significantly fewer nominations than it has vacancies?CoA Comment:No. There are several reasons why Councils do not receive enough nominations.



ANSWER C	CHOICES	RESPONSES		
Yes		30.00%		3
No		70.00%		7
TOTAL				10
#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)		DATE	
1	If this happens it is probably another problem than boundaries.		3/5/2024 2:27 PM	

Q11 What are other factors that might encourage—or dissuade—people to stand for election to their councils?CoA Comment:Perception of a high-pressure culture for Council MembersAdversarial nature of debatePublic scrutiny Time commitment requiredNot knowing that training and support are provided for members to do their role Understanding of local government Lack of support for the campaign

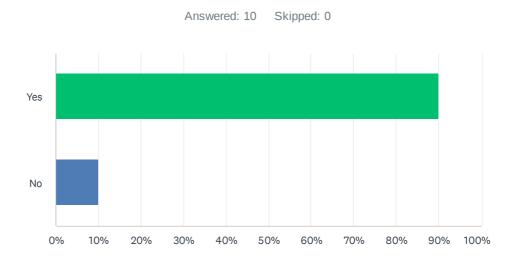


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	10
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	encourage- being able to make a difference in your community.	3/21/2024 11:13 AM
2	The above details it perfectly. The commitment you need to give to stakeholders, ratepayers, representation at events, and networking takes time away from your family and, at times, puts pressure on you if you have a business, a full-time job, or family commitments.	3/20/2024 5:22 PM
3	not knowing about child care support	3/20/2024 3:37 PM
4	Council offers a fantastic platform for professional and social development Financial incentive is low for a reason as we are all part time and have the flexibility to seek leave.	3/20/2024 12:16 PM
5	All of the above including financial and family commitments I could not be an Elected Member if I had a full-time role and kids and especially if I was a single parent. It is so much more than just having baby-sitters available.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
6	Also the itical nature of some of the behaviour and the use of local government as a personal career move or stepping stone. Rigidity in meeting procedure and rules about caucuses. Being an individual is very hard and scary. We need the chance to discuss things before we are in the spot light	3/5/2024 2:27 PM
7	The absence of administrative support which has diminished to a point where it is but a fraction of what was available The increasing participation of political parties that resource candidates and elected members to the disadvantage of people who are independent The onerous provisions of behavioral code complaints	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

Q12 What ideas do you have to increase nominations?CoA

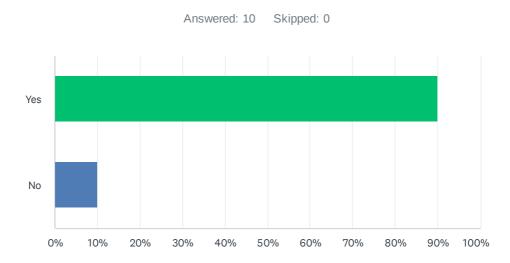
Comment:Link to promotion – understanding of the role, making known the support available Pre-mentor program started well before the election cycle Mid-term programs promoting the role of the Council Member



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	90.00%	9
No	10.00%	1
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	council members taking responsibility to encourage people to nominate	3/21/2024 11:13 AM
2	Maybe roll out a mentor program for each council member to mentor interested and selected community members	3/20/2024 12:16 PM
3	I've emphasized the importance of additional sessions with both current Councillors and Administration beyond just during election periods. Ideally, initiating these sessions a year in advance would be my preference. Furthermore, we must address the issue of encouraging more women to nominate for these roles. I've encountered instances where younger women withdrew their nominations upon realizing the significant time and commitment demanded by the position. Balancing these responsibilities with personal and professional commitments can seem insurmountable, especially considering that women still predominantly assume the role of primary caregivers for their families, including children and elderly parents.	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
4	Fix what's wrong with perceptions about the downsides too	3/4/2024 12:36 PM

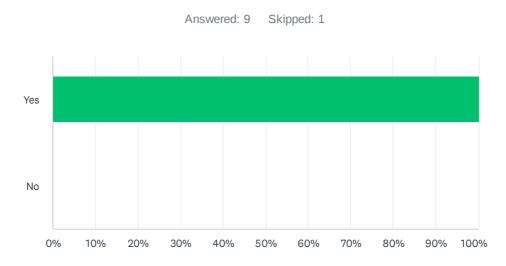
Q1 Is there any particular reason why councils do not warrant compulsory voting when the two other spheres of Australian governments do? Should voting for councils be compulsory in South Australian council elections?CoA Comment:Compulsory voting should be introduced for the House of Assembly Roll in line with other jurisdictions across Australia



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	90.00%	9
No	10.00%	1
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	mandatory for registered voters in other levels of govt, opt in for all other groups.	3/21/2024 11:30 AM
2	local government should have compulsory voting	3/21/2024 11:25 AM
3	I believe there should be compulsory voting with the suitable model. The ratepayer is predominantly the most important vote as they contribute to the financial balance sheet.	3/20/2024 5:54 PM
4	By LG elections not being mandatory makes it looks like that this level of government is less important than State and Federal LG is essential for the 'health' of a community -I would like to see the other two levels of government take-over - rates, rubbish and roads and all the other community services!?	3/6/2024 10:16 AM

Q2 How should people vote for their councils?CoA
Comment:PostalPostal voting is a very convenient method for the
community.It is noted there were numerous complaints during the last
election with residents not receiving voting material or receiving incorrect
voting material.Delays by Australia Post meant some voting material
wasn't reissued.If postal voting is to be continued - the Council should be
able to reissue in the last week of the voting periodIn PersonIf
compulsory voting was introduced, voting in person could be introduced.
If compulsory voting is not introduced, voter participation will likely
decrease



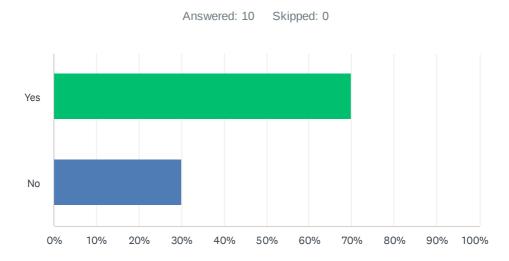
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	9
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		9

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	only move to in person if there is compulsory voting	3/21/2024 11:25 AM
2	I support postal voting and electronic voting and strongly support in-person as an option. Every option should be available without any complications for people to exercise their democratic vote.	3/20/2024 5:54 PM
3	in person and advance voting at polling places and by post	3/20/2024 3:51 PM
4	Voting should reflect how we operate in other areas of our lives - so both postal and electronic should be an option- especially if not mandated.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
5	Strongly support in person voting	3/5/2024 4:05 PM
6	Compulsory, in person voting will lead to a highly politicised Iga environment where the candidates will be in training for higher political office. In the City of Adelaide, it would also be difficult to overcome the particular problems with allowing votes associated with a supplementary roll for non resident property owners. Leave it voluntary, with as with State and Federal the possibility of postal votes and in person votes to assist in minimizing electoral vote rigging.	3/4/2024 12:47 PM
7	I support compulsory (for HoA roll voters) with in person elections. (Postal remain for those	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

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that require it, similar to state and federal elections).

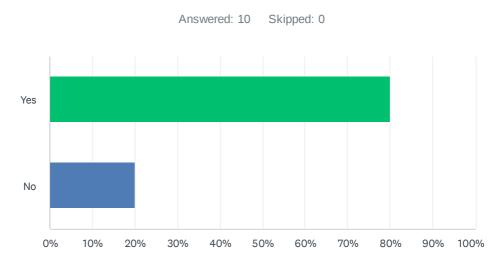
Q3 Should the franchise for council elections be changed in any way? CoA Comment:Form OneThe requirements for non-citizens should be tightened to ensure that there is a reasonable interest in the outcome of the election, and, if a candidate, that the candidate will be able to fulfil their term of office. It is suggested that they:- Be a permanent resident or have the right to work. - Provide proof of identity, status and residence when completing the forms. This process should be managed by ECSA with consideration given to language barriers.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	70.00%	7
No	30.00%	3
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	this requires a lot more investigation to avoid inadvertently discriminating against certain groups of people e.g. refugees who have temporary visas but intend to stay in the council and are in the process of applying for permanent residency (this is a long and expensive process) or what about the many residents who have lived here a very long time but have not become Australian Citizens. I think the rules have now changed for New Zealand residents. In the past becoming a citizen for New Zealanders was very difficult. We need to consider the laws and requirements of citizenship before having a view about this. Timeframes are also problematic. If someone has only been here for six months but fully intends to stay in the country and build a life, should they be denied a vote? why are they less qualified to vote than an 18 year old voting for the first time?	3/21/2024 11:25 AM
2	Demonstrate interest by enrolling and physically come to city of Adelaide to verify identity Demonstrate commitment by going through an online training course Demonstrate understanding by passing an online test	3/20/2024 8:11 PM
3	A person should NOT be able to vote or nominate unless they have been a resident of the area for a least 1 year.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
4	Absolutely	3/4/2024 12:47 PM
5	Citizens and permanent residents.	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

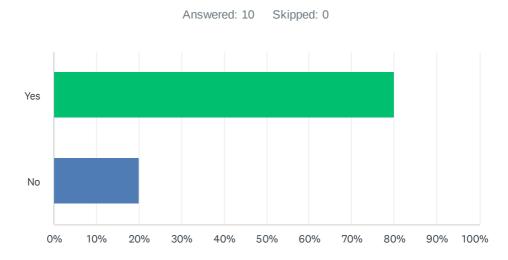
Q4 Should council elections be moved to a different year from South Australian Government elections?CoA Comment:Running the state and local government elections in the same year puts increased strain on ECSA's finite resources.A move to a different year may increase the local government elections profile.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	80.00%	8
No	20.00%	2
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Voter fatigue discourages involvement, confusion over what election it is (I just voted, why am I voting again? Oh it's not compulsory, I won't bother".	3/21/2024 11:30 AM
2	Support the same year	3/5/2024 4:05 PM
3	Year after State elections.	3/4/2024 12:47 PM
4	A number of unsuccessful candidates from the state election might want to run in their local council area. The current timeline provides an adequate 7-8 month gap between the two elections.	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

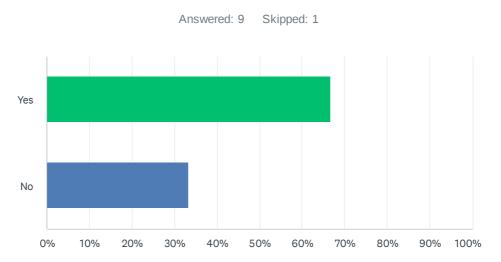
Q5 Should councils have a stronger role in promoting elections locally to increase voter turnout?CoA Comment:Councils already play a large role in local promotion. Better coordination between ECSA and LGA campaigns and collateral would be beneficial.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	80.00%	8
No	20.00%	2
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Agree with council comment.	3/21/2024 11:30 AM
2	A more collaborative process between the LGASA, ECSA and the LG area should occur and not just at the 11th hour.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
3	Compulsory voting for HoA roll would significantly increase turnout.	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

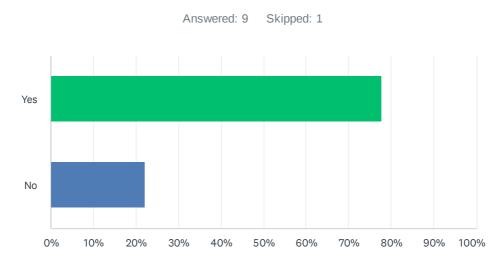
Q6 Would removing wards provide voters with greater choice, and produce fairer results?CoA Comment:In the City of Adelaide, it could decrease voter turnout, some voters currently vote in a number of wards (as they may live in one ward and own businesses in other wards).The decision to remove wards should be up to that Community (as above).



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.67%	6
No	33.33%	3
TOTAL		9

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Agree with council comment. It would overwhelm voters with huge list of candidates.	3/21/2024 11:30 AM
2	yes if voting remains non-compulsory.	3/21/2024 11:25 AM
3	As stated previously I do not support Wards as the EM is making decisions on the entire LG area they represent NOT just their Ward.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
4	Support removal of wards	3/5/2024 4:05 PM
5	If it isn't broken don't fix it	3/4/2024 12:47 PM
6	Remove wards	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

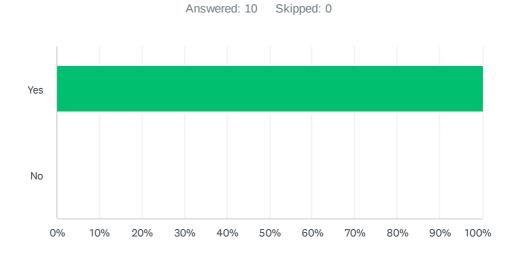
Q7 Is it fair for someone who has 'served their time' to have to release this information? COA Comment:Candidates should meet minimum eligibility requirement (similar to ASX director requirements, working with children check). That a candidate meets the minimum eligibility requirements to nominate is what the community should be informed of, not personal details.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.78%	7
No	22.22%	2
TOTAL		9

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Agree with comments; but should depend on the offence. People have a right to be given opportunities to contribute to public life under presumption of rehabilitation.	3/21/2024 11:30 AM
2	For all the reasons why other Boards do this not just ASX directors. People who are nominating should be required to have a DIN.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
3	No opinion	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

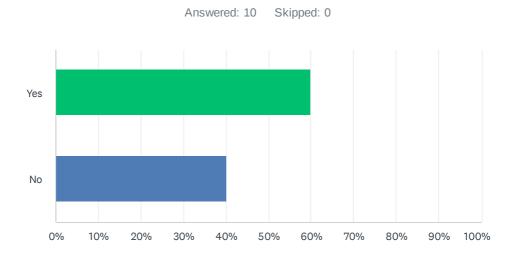
Q8 What information should candidates be required to include with their nominations?CoA Comment:Political affiliationsLive in the council area (and what ward)A Declaration form (similar to register of interest) which has the same public information as serving Council Members have



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	10
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Agree with comments. Potentially how many votes they are eligible to cast as a result of their interest.	3/21/2024 11:30 AM
2	The time limit should increase. Currently, it is only in the past year, but since the council term is 4, maybe, say, the past four years. Questions to also ask is if they are a ratepayer. Currently, you can be a candidate if you live in the city but are a renter who doesn't pay rates. Also, if you run a business and lease commercial premises and don't have outgoings, you shouldn't be eligible. You can't just rent a hotdesk or a coworking space for a short term and then run for council.	3/20/2024 5:54 PM
3	political affiliations cover a multitude of lies when people resign and then pretend they have none	3/20/2024 3:51 PM
4	I think it is critical that an Elected Member lives and or works in the area. The issue to address is people who 'just move in' so they can nominate and then 'move out' when people aren't noticing. Also if a person decides to run for State or Federal government they should be forced to resign from Council. It would be very clear at that time what political party they are supporting and this would most likely influence their decision making and LG EM's should be 'A political'.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
5	Political affiliations in the past five years not just a year. Also residential address for the past two years must be declared as part of one's candidacy and there should be a constant requirement to update residential address where the address changes to one outside of the Iga represented. There have been shocking instances of candidates moving to an Iga 8 weeks before an election and then out of the same Ig a to one they do not represent only weeks after an election. Such practices serve to destroy voter confidence in our system of government.	3/4/2024 12:47 PM

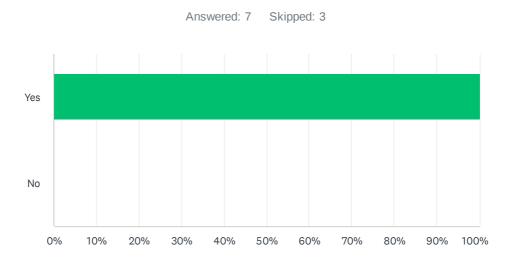
Q9 Is there a role for councils to play in enabling all candidates to reach potential voters?CoA Comment:It is a decision for each Council if they would like to run information sessions such as candidate nights etc.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.00%	6
No	40.00%	4
TOTAL		10

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Potentially yes; this would again give legitimacy to the process and discourage unserious/uncommitted candidates or harvester candidates (at least from attending and engaging with voters).	3/21/2024 11:30 AM
2	the roll is enoigh but it should be searechable not locked and the walking order version is a shambles	3/20/2024 3:51 PM
3	However this must be executed fairly.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
4	Some candidates work a lot harder than others to reach potential voters. It's not the councils job to prop up ineffective candidates.	2/26/2024 12:26 PM

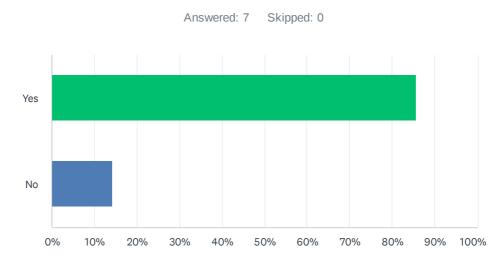
Q10 What are other factors that might encourage—or dissuade—people to stand for election to their councils?CoA Comment:Perception of a high-pressure culture for Council MembersAdversarial nature of debatePublic scrutiny Time commitment requiredNot knowing that training and support is provided for members to do their role Understanding of local government Lack of support to campaign



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	7
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		7

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Agree	3/21/2024 11:30 AM
2	Yes to all above money time and commitment	3/20/2024 5:54 PM
3	extremism and mediocrity of council members	3/20/2024 3:51 PM
4	Time, money and family commitments etc. as mentioned previously.	3/6/2024 10:16 AM
5	previously answered	3/4/2024 12:47 PM

Q1 All residential enrolments to be managed by AEC?CoA Comment:Currently individual councils manage Form 1 enrolment applications for residential individuals who do not currently qualify for entry on to the House of Assembly roll.An improvement would be for all residential enrolments regardless of the individual's status (citizen or not) be managed by the ECSA and included on the House of Assembly roll.



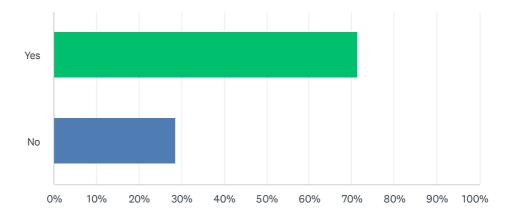
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	85.71%	6
No	14.29%	1
TOTAL		7

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Agree	3/21/2024 11:35 AM
2	I do not have faith in ECSA handling the enrolments. There needs to be a level of scrutiny from each council to continue managing the Form 1	3/20/2024 6:03 PM
3	Consistency	3/6/2024 10:27 AM

Q2 Statute Amendments are significantly problematic?CoA Comment: The changes imposed on CoA under the recent Statute Amendments: Impose obligations on Council staff which are very labourintensive and costly, to be performed within very limited timeframes on top of current election activities and existing timeframes. Additional FTE/s required as:- new template correspondence will need to be drafted and sent to all bodies corporate and groups on the voter's roll; dealing with nominations received from bodies corporate and groups will require data entry, and will also require checking whether the nominated person already appears on the voters roll or is entitled to be enrolled on the voter's roll (in which case they are not eligible persons); - the process for nominating 'default persons' for bodies corporate (and groups which include bodies corporate) which do not nominate their own eligible person relies upon data held in ASIC's database and therefore might not be possible to automate to any great extent; - the process for nominating 'default persons' also requires checking whether the potential default person already appears on the voters roll or is entitled to be enrolled on the voters' roll; - redactions will need to be made to the version of voters roll available for inspection by the public; (In practice would be problematic)- all of the above must occur within strict timeframes; and There are a significant number of bodies corporate and groups on the Council's voters roll compared to other councils, and the above steps must be applied for all of those bodies corporate and groups. These obligations are in addition to the Council and the CEO's existing obligations which are already complex and challenging and may well require changes to the current system in place that produce the voter's roll.CoA nominating a default nominee may disenfranchise a number of bodies corporate and groups solely on the irrational basis of what letter people's surnames begin with; andIn some cases, invest the Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with the unusual power to 'choosing'; who can vote. No similar amendments are being made with respect to any other Council.In relation to achieving the above obligations, Council believes the costs associated with additional FTE requirements, postage and potential changes to systems would be well in excess of \$100,000.

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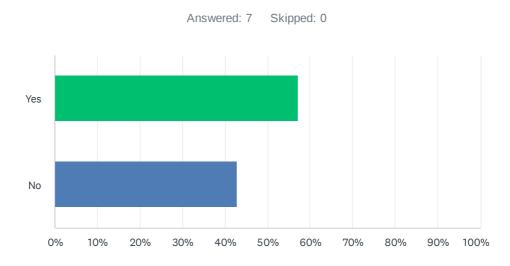
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	71.43%	5
No	28.57%	2
TOTAL		7

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	agree	3/21/2024 11:35 AM
2	this sounds very burdensome for our council.	3/21/2024 11:30 AM
3	I do not have any confidence in ECSA. The government should give extra resources to the councils to deliver this to the community. Until then, ECSA needs to get its systems in order and have better systems.	3/20/2024 6:03 PM
4	and I think it would be well worth the investment as the 'fish rots from the head' and 4 years can be a long time. So having more resources to assist can only be a good thing maybe it could be on a 'fixed term' contract.	3/6/2024 10:27 AM
5	Turn as much of the process for elections over to ECSA. Council administrations should not be tasked with any role that puts them at odds with elected members, potential elected members, enrolled voters or potential enrolled voters. The process must be seen to be completely independent in order for electors to have confidence in the system.	3/4/2024 12:50 PM

Q3 Suggested change to existing voting eligibility for Head Lease holder?CoA Comment:Currently a holder of a headlease who is not in occupation of the land (i.e. a head lessee who has wholly sub-let property to another) is considered an 'owner' under the Local Government Act 1999. When this situation occurs, under the Act neither party is eligible to be enrolled to vote in their own right. Instead, they must be enrolled as a group of owners. An unattended consequence is that each unique owner and head lessee combination would constitute a unique voter's group. In relation to the above, there are significant practical issues in that Council is expected to somehow know of and record the details of all owners, including people who hold leases but do not occupy the land. While the Council learns of changes to ownership through the LTO, there is no practical way to learn of changes to commercial leasing arrangements. The Council's system can record the property owner and the occupier but is not able to accurately record and capture head lessees and reflect the correct voting entitlement. Further, it is unlikely that property owners and headlease holders would be aware they are only entitled to a group voting entitlement



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	57.14%	4
No	42.86%	3
TOTAL		7

#	OTHER (COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ANSWER)	DATE
1	Agree with comments; this potentially allows unfair power dynamics where the owner may influence the voting direction of a lessee against their own intentions. It may result in more votes being cast for a candidate the owner prefers rather than several candidates the lessees may prefer who better engage with or represent them. An owner and a lessee should not be politically bound this way given the unequal power relations.	3/21/2024 11:35 AM

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This is a very complicated topic as I deal with the LTO on a daily basis. I think this needs to be reviewed it is own right and at the moment there is probably no real 'yes' and 'no' answer however more 'maybe'

3/6/2024 10:27 AM

Minute Item 20

Councillor Abrahimzadeh - QoN - Seasonal Bird Nesting

Tuesday, 26 March 2024 Council

Council Member

Councillor Arman Abrahimzadeh

Public

Contact Officer: Tom McCready, Director City Services

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Arman Abrahimzadeh will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Noting the recent enquiries regarding the seasonal bird migration and nesting in Leigh Street received by Elected Members from various property and business owners within the Street, can Administration provide advice on what measures have been taken to assist in the management and / or control of this occurrence, including any potential or future solutions or engagement with stakeholders that may be required?'

REPLY

- 1. Between January and May each year, up to 10,000 Tree Martins migrate to Leigh Street to roost in the Callery Pear trees which line the street. The birds migrate to this location due to the design of the street, and the protection it provides from animals of prey.
- 2. Having this many Tree Martins in the heart of the city is a bonus from a conservation perspective. However, there are challenges to hosting this many birds in a busy, congested urban setting.
- 3. The amount of bird droppings required to clean up daily can be challenging in a space which is a major pedestrian thoroughfare and popular outdoor dining and entertainment precinct.
- 4. Administration has been proactively monitoring the 2023/24 migration season in respect to the bird behaviour and the volume of bird droppings within the street and surrounding areas.
- 5. To date the measures taken to improve outcomes have included:
 - 5.1. Additional tree pruning to minimise overhang above dining areas.
 - 5.2. Removal of a poor performing tree directly adjacent to the outdoor dining area of Shobosho.
 - 5.3. Additional cleaning during migration season from daily to twice daily.
 - 5.4. Approval of canopy for Shobosho bar and kitchen over their outdoor dining area.
 - 5.5. Investigating bird control technology for commercial buildings including sonar. This technology is not suitable for a highly pedestrianised location due to the risk to eyesight.
 - 5.6. Investigating appropriateness of netting trees, due to the size and scale it was determined this was not a viable option.
 - 5.7. Regular monitoring and spot cleaning where permitted.
- 6. In response to the regular monitoring undertaken by Administration and feedback from property owners and businesses additional measures have been put in place which include:

- 6.1. Increasing cleaning in the street from two to three visits daily at 6am, 10am and 4pm from Monday 26 February 2024.
- 6.2. Increased detailed scrubbing and pressure washing of the pavement and urban elements.
- 6.3. Ongoing monitoring and liaison with traders to understand the effectiveness of additional services.
- 7. Engagement with stakeholders occurred prior to the bird migration season and has continued.
- 8. There has been ongoing communication between Administration and the Department of Environment and Water (DEW) and Green Adelaide in respect to the options available to deter or stop the birds from migrating to this location, with no specific outcome determined at this stage.
- 9. Administration is continuing to work with DEW and Green Adelaide to explore options available to control future migration of the birds to Leigh Street.

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Councillor Giles - QoN - Adelaide Motorsport Event

Tuesday, 26 March 2024 Council

Council MemberCouncillor Janet Giles

Public

Contact Officer:

Ilia Houridis, Director City Shaping

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Janet Giles will ask the following Question on Notice:

- 1. How much did the Council and AEDA contribute to the Motor Sports Festival through sponsorship and other costs/support?
- 2. How many people attended the event?
- 3. What local SA businesses were involved in the event?
- 4. What communication was made with residents in proximity to the event by organisers prior the event about the noise that would be occurring?
- 5. Was there any impact on any fringe events during the festival?
- 6. Was there any feedback from Gouger Street traders and Adelaide Central Market about the impact of the Gouger Street events as part of the festival?
- 7. Did the council receive any complaints from residents or businesses about the event including noise.
- 8. How many days per year are areas of Victoria Park fenced off for events?'

REPLY

- 1. The Adelaide Motorsport Festival (AMF) was held on 15, 16 and 17 March 2024. Information regarding the outcomes and stakeholder feedback from this event is still being compiled and further information in response to the question will be provided to Council Members via an E-news when available.
- 2. The City of Adelaide, through the AEDA Commercial Events and Festivals Sponsorship Program, provided \$40,000 to this event.
- 3. Official attendance figures and information relating to the event is not yet publicly available and will be provided to Council Members via E-News.
- 4. Nearby residents and businesses were sent a letterbox flyer by event organisers approximately four weeks prior to the event, containing information relevant to the event taking place.
- 5. Administration is not aware of any direct impact on Fringe and Festival events during the AMF, with no official complaints raised. However, we are seeking advice from event organisers to better understand if there were any impacts. It should be noted that there was detailed engagement between AMF, Fringe and Festival organisers in the lead-up to the event.
- 6. Administration has not received any feedback from Gouger Street traders nor the Adelaide Central Market in relation to Gouger Street events as part of the AMF. Feedback has been requested from these organisations. As with the Fringe, communication and planning formed part of the lead up to the Gouger Street event by the AMF.
- 7. Currently the City of Adelaide has received two public complaints from residents as a result of the event, which related to noise from the event.

- 8. In relation to question 8 above, the following information was previously provided to Council in response to a QoN from Councillor Noon on 27 February 2024:
 - 8.1. Areas of Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16) were occupied by events for 26 weeks of the 2023 calendar year.
 - 8.2. The 2023 VAILO Adelaide 500 represents 18 weeks of this total period.
 - 8.3. During this time parts of Park 16 were still publicly accessible.
 - 8.4. The 26 weeks of event occupation in Park 16 does not include a variety of small community activities and events that occur in this Park each year that in no way restrict public access to the East End Park Lands.

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