



# COUNCIL MINUTES

for the meeting

Tuesday, 25 June 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 Abrahamzadeh, Couros, Elliott, Giles, Hou, Li, 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 Kurna 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 Kurna 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 Davis

Councillor Martin entered the Council Chamber at 5.33 pm.

## **7 Confirmation of Minutes - 11/6/2024 & 17/6/2024**

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 June 2024 and the Minutes of the Special meeting of the Council held on 17 June 2024, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

**8 Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Nil

**9 Deputations****9.1 Deputation - Dr Michael Llewellyn-Smith AM - City of Adelaide Museum**

Dr Llewellyn-Smith AM addressed the Council:

- To speak in support of a City of Adelaide Museum.

The Lord Mayor thanked Dr Llewellyn-Smith AM for his deputation and advised the meeting that Dr Llewellyn-Smith's deputation would be tabled in the minutes.

The tabled document can be found, for information, at the conclusion of these Minutes.

Councillor Abrahamzadeh entered the Council Chamber at 5.39 pm.

**9.2 Deputation - Dallas Reynolds - Shincheonji Church of Jesus**

Ms Dallas Reynolds addressed the Council:

- To raise awareness of the recruitment tactics employed by the Shincheonji Church of Jesus in the Adelaide CBD.

The Lord Mayor thanked Ms Reynolds for her deputation.

Councillor Li entered the Council Chamber at 5.45 pm.

**10 Petitions**

Nil

**11 Recommendations of the Audit and Risk Committee - 14 June 2024**

Moved by Councillor Martin,  
Seconded by Councillor Siebentritt -

**Recommendation 1 – Item 6.6 - Internal Audit Plan 2024/25****THAT COUNCIL**

1. Approves the City of Adelaide 2024/25 one-year Internal Audit Plan, contained in Attachment A to Item 6.6 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 14 June 2024.

Carried

**12 Recommendations of the City Finance and Governance Committee - 18 June 2024****12.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 7.1 - Adoption of the 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget**

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

**THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Adopts for rating purposes for 2024/25, the valuations of land within the Council's area based on Annual Value, pursuant to Section 167 (2) of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA) (the Act). The Annual Value comprised within the Assessment Record amount to a total of \$1,424,444,685 of which \$1,137,206,870 represents the total value of the rateable land within the area of the Corporation of the City of Adelaide.
2. Having considered and taken into account the general principles of rating outlined in Section 150 of the Act, and in accordance with Section 153 (2) of the Act issues of consistency and equity across Council areas in the imposition of rates on various sectors of the business and wider community, the Council pursuant to sections 152(1)(a), 153(1)(b) and 156(1)(a) of the Act and Regulation 14 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013, declares the following differential general rates for the year ending 30

June 2025, to apply to all rateable land within the Council area

- a. 0.111646 in the dollar of the \$326,034,700 value for all rateable land with a Category 1 (residential land) use within the City of Adelaide for the financial year ending 30 June 2025.
  - b. 0.223293 in the dollar of the \$4,401,000 value for all rateable land with a Category 8 (vacant land) use within the City of Adelaide for the financial year ending 30 June 2025.
  - c. 0.136813 in the dollar of the \$806,771,170 value for all rateable land use with category 2 (commercial shop), category 3 (commercial office), category 4 (commercial other), category 5 (industry light) and category 6 (industry other), category 7 (primary production), and category 9 (other) land uses within the City of Adelaide for the financial year ending 30 June 2025.
3. Grants pursuant to Section 166 (1)(l)(i) of the Act, a 'Discretionary Rate Rebate' in 2024/25 to land with a vacant land use of 100% of the difference between the amount payable and what would be payable if the land was of a non-residential land use subject to the following conditions applying as at the date of this resolution:
- a. that land has not been vacant for 5 years or more; and
  - b. the land has been owned by the same owner for less than 5 years.
4. Declares pursuant to Section 69 of the Landscape South Australia Act 2019 and Section 154 of the Act, a separate rate of 0.001727 in the dollar on the \$1,137,206,870 value of all land within the City of Adelaide, which falls within the Green Adelaide Region, so as to reimburse the Council for the amount contributed or to be contributed by the Council to the Green Adelaide Board.
5. Declares pursuant to Sections 154 (1), (2)(a) and (7) of the Act, a separate rate of 0.031743 in the dollar (to be known as the Rundle Mall separate rate) for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, on the annual value of all rateable land within the Rundle Mall Precinct, (except land within the Rundle Mall Precinct which has a residential land use) being the area bounded by the:
- a. Southern alignment of North Terrace between Pulteney and King William Streets.
  - b. Eastern alignment of King William Street between North Terrace and Grenfell Street.
  - c. Northern alignment of Grenfell Street between King William and Pulteney Streets.
  - d. Western alignment of Pulteney Street between Grenfell Street and North Terrace.
6. Notes that the Rundle Mall differential separate rate will generate approximately \$4.066 million in 2024/25.
7. Determines pursuant to Section 153 (3) of the Act, that it will not apply a maximum increase on general rates on rateable land that constitutes the principal place of residence of a principal ratepayer, given the rate relief to be provided under Section 166 through a 'Special Discretionary Rate Rebate' in accordance with Council's Rating Policy.
8. Approves pursuant to the provisions of Section 181 of the Act, all rates and charges which have been imposed for the financial year ending 30 June 2025 will fall due in four equal instalments on the following days or if these days fall on a weekend or public holiday on the next business day: 2 September 2024; 2 December 2024; 3 March 2025; 2 June 2025.
9. Approves the Rating Policy as provided in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held 18 June 2024, and notes it is consistent with the general principles of rating as outlined in Section 150 of the Act.
10. In accordance with Section 123 of the Act and Regulation 6 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 (the Financial Management Regulations), having considered in accordance with Section 123(6) of the Act:
- a. all submissions made to the Council during the public consultation period; and

- b. any new or revised information in the possession of the Council that is relevant to the material contained in the Draft Business Plan and Budget,

noting that there are no significant changes to the 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget following internal review and public consultation of the Draft document throughout April and June 2024, adopts the 2024/25 Business Plan set out in Attachment B to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held 18 June 2024.

11. In accordance with Section 123 of the Act and Regulation 7 of the Financial Management Regulations, adopts the 2024/25 Budget set out in Attachment B to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held 18 June 2024 which the Council determines to be consistent with the Council's Business Plan.
12. Approves the 2024/25 Budget delivering an operating surplus of \$9.367 million.
13. Approves the 2024/25 Budget projected borrowings of \$53.677 million at the end of 2024/25.
14. Approves the 2024/25 Budget delivering a capital program of \$112.831 million of which \$56.022 million will deliver an Asset Renewal Funding Ratio of 92.5%.
15. Approves the 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget for Council's Subsidiary Adelaide Central Market Authority provided as Attachment C to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held 18 June 2024.
16. Approves the 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget for Council's Subsidiary Adelaide Economic Development Agency provided as Attachment D to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held 18 June 2024.
17. Approves the 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget for Council's Subsidiary Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority provided as Attachment E to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held 18 June 2024.
18. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary changes to the 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget document arising from this meeting, together with any editorial amendments and finalisation of the document's formatting and graphic design.

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 Elliott, Giles, Hou, Li, Martin, Noon and Siebentritt.

Against (2):

Councillors Abrahamzadeh and Couros.

The division was declared in favour of the motion

## 12.2 Recommendation 2 - Item 7.2 - Council Member Mid-Term Training and Development

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

### THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the Training and Development update provided in this report, Item 7.2, Council Member Mid-Term Training and Development presented to the City Finance and Governance Committee on 18 June 2024.

2. Notes that Administration will finalise the mid-term refresher mandatory training sessions which include the following modules:
  - 2.1. Leadership Workshop Refresher
  - 2.2. Mid-term Legal Refresher
  - 2.3. Mid-term Council Meetings and Procedures Refresher
  - 2.4. Mid-term Financial Management Refresher

Carried unanimously

### **13 Recommendations of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee - 18 June 2024**

Moved by Councillor Elliott,  
Seconded by Councillor Noon -

#### **13.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 7.1 - Adoption of the Park Lands and Open Space Asset Management Plan**

##### THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives the community feedback for the draft Park Lands and Open Space Asset Management Plan included in the Engagement Summary & Submissions Report provided in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 18 June 2024.
2. Notes that the draft Park Lands and Open Space Asset Management Plan was presented to the Audit and Risk Committee on 12 April 2024 for review and comment, where recommendations were made to provide further information and clarity in relation to the surplus renewal budget that was identified.
3. Notes that the draft Park Lands and Open Space Asset Management Plan was presented to Kadaltilla/Adelaide Park Lands Authority 18 April 2024 for review and comment, where it was suggested to consider opportunities for progressing economic/environmental and social value assessment in future Adelaide Park Lands Management Plans and other relevant plans and strategies.
4. Notes that there were no changes made to the draft Park Lands and Open Space Asset Management Plan in response to the feedback received through community consultation and the advice received from the Audit and Risk Committee and Kadaltilla/Adelaide Park Lands Authority, other than minor editorial and formatting changes.
5. Adopts the Park Lands and Open Space Asset Management Plan provided in Attachment B and C to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 18 June 2024.
6. Notes that the adopted Park Lands and Open Space Asset Management Plan will be included into the 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan.
7. Notes that the Park Lands and Open Space Asset Management Plan will be reviewed on an annual basis, where any material changes to financial forecasts will be considered through the Annual Business Plan and Budget process and incorporated as updates to the Long-Term Financial Plan.
8. Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate to make minor and technical amendments as required (including updates to adopted budgets in the Long-Term Financial Plan), to the Park Lands and Open Space Asset Management Plan documents contained in Attachments B and C to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 18 June 2024.

#### **13.2 Recommendation 2 - Item 7.2 - Adoption of the Public Lighting and Electrical Asset Management Plan**

##### THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives the community feedback for the draft Public Lighting and Electrical Infrastructure Asset Management Plan included in the Engagement Summary &

Submissions Report provided in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 18 June 2024.

2. Notes that the draft Public Lighting and Electrical Infrastructure Asset Management Plan was presented to the Audit and Risk Committee on 12 April 2024 for review and comment.
3. Notes that there were no changes made to the draft Public Lighting and Electrical Infrastructure Asset Management Plan in response to the feedback received through community consultation and the advice received from the Audit and Risk Committee, other than minor editorial and formatting changes.
4. Adopts the Public Lighting and Electrical Infrastructure Asset Management Plan provided in Attachment B and C to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 18 June 2024.
5. Notes that the adopted Public Lighting and Electrical Infrastructure Asset Management Plan will be included into the 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan.
6. Notes that the Public Lighting and Electrical Infrastructure Asset Management Plan will be reviewed on an annual basis, where any material changes to financial forecasts will be considered through the Annual Business Plan and Budget process and incorporated as updates to the Long-Term Financial Plan.
7. Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate to make minor and technical amendments as required (including updates to adopted budgets in the Long-Term Financial Plan), to the Public Lighting and Electrical Infrastructure Asset Management Plan documents contained in Attachments B and C to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 18 June 2024.

### **13.3 Recommendation 3 - Item 7.3 - Adoption of the Water Infrastructure Asset Management Plan**

#### THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives the community feedback for the draft Water Infrastructure Asset Management Plan included in the Engagement Summary & Submissions Report provided in Attachment A to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 18 June 2024.
2. Notes that the draft Water Infrastructure Asset Management Plan was presented to the Audit and Risk Committee on 12 April 2024 for review and comment.
3. Notes that there were no changes made to the draft Water Infrastructure Asset Management Plan in response to the feedback received through community consultation and the advice received from the Audit and Risk Committee, other than minor editorial and formatting changes.
4. Adopts the Water Infrastructure Asset Management Plan provided in Attachment B and C to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 18 June 2024.
5. Notes that the adopted Water Infrastructure Asset Management Plan will be included into the 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget and Long Term Financial Plan.
6. Notes that the Water Infrastructure Asset Management Plan will be reviewed on an annual basis, where any material changes to financial forecasts will be considered through the Annual Business Plan and Budget process and incorporated as updates to the Long Term Financial Plan.
7. Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer or delegate to make minor and technical amendments as required (including updates to adopted budgets in the Long Term Financial Plan), to the Water Infrastructure Asset Management Plan documents contained in Attachments B and C to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 18 June 2024.

**13.4 Recommendation 4 - Item 7.4 - Capital Works Monthly Project Update - May 2024**THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Capital Works Program Update for May 2024 as contained within this report and Attachment A to Item 7.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure & Public Works Committee held on 18 June 2024.

**13.5 Recommendation 5 - Item 7.5 - Public Realm Condition Audit - June Meeting**THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Public Realm Condition Audits as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure & Public Works Committee held on 18 June 2024.

**13.6 Recommendation 6 - Item 7.6 - Unnamed private road between Young Street and Eliza Street**THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves, pursuant to section 210 of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA), declaring the private road lettered "A" as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.6 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 18 June 2024 to be a public road.
2. Approves, subject to notice of Council's decision to declare the private road lettered "A" as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.6 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 18 June 2024 to be a public road being published in the SA Government Gazette, commencing a road process pursuant to section 5 of the Roads (Opening & Closing) Act 1991 (SA) to close and transfer the land lettered "A" on Attachment A to Young Gun Collective Pty Ltd.

**13.7 Recommendation 7 - Item 7.7 - Gouger Street Revitalisation Concept**THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the Gouger Street Revitalisation Project's Vision, Design Principles and Concept Plan as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.7 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 18 June 2024 and progress to key stakeholder and community engagement.

Carried unanimously

**14 Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)**

Nil

**15 Lord Mayor's Reports**

The Lord Mayor addressed the meeting on the following:

- Walking tour of Carriageway Park/Tuthangga (Park 17), Golden Wattle Park/Mirnu Wirra (Park 21W), Gladly Elphick Park/Narnungga (Park 25) and Mary Lee Park (Park 27B).
- Meeting with Taiwan's chief diplomatic representative to Australia, Ambassador Douglas Hsu, and his wife at the Adelaide Town Hall
- Meeting with the Bhutanese Ambassador Sonam Tobgay
- Networking events for Mainstreet SA and Adelaide Connected
- Centenary of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese in Australia



It was then –

Moved by Councillor Couros,  
Seconded by Councillor Noon -

That the report be received and noted.

Carried

## **16 Councillors' Reports**

### **16.1 Reports from Council Members**

Councillor Abrahamzadeh addressed the meeting to advise of an error in Attachment B, that he had given his apologies for the Special City Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 28 May 2024.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape addressed the meeting on his attendance at the SA Landscape Architecture Awards.

Councillor Giles addressed the meeting on her attendance at the Yarn Bombing event in Hurtle Square and the community space event in Whitmore Square.

Councillor Noon addressed the meeting on her attendance at the Fringe Festival VIP night and the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Beatles visit at the Adelaide Town Hall.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Abrahamzadeh,  
Seconded by Councillor Martin -

#### THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Council Member activities and functions attended on behalf of the Lord Mayor (Attachment A to Item 16.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 25 June 2024).
2. Notes the summary of Council Members' meeting attendance (Attachment B to Item 16.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 25 June 2024).
3. Notes that reports from Council Members tabled at the meeting of the Council held on 25 June 2024 will be included in the Minutes of the meeting.

Carried

## **17 Motions on Notice**

### **17.1 Councillor Martin - MoN - AI Policy**

Moved by Councillor Martin,  
Seconded by Councillor Abrahamzadeh -

That Council;

Noting the development of policies by business and government guiding the adoption of AI, asks the Administration to conduct a workshop for elected members at the earliest opportunity with a view to developing by the end of 2024, a policy, for the approval of the elected body, on the associated risks and opportunities of such transformational technologies for the City of Adelaide, including but not limited to the potential applications within the City of Adelaide, the ethical framework for their introduction, security considerations, necessary changes or enhancements to governance, the consequences for staff members and employment generally and any recommended associated strategies.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

## **18 Motions without Notice**

Discussion ensued

CEO Undertaking – Shincheonji Church of Jesus

In response to a query from Councillor Hou, an undertaking was given to seek legal advice on Shincheonji Church of Jesus activities in the CBD.

**19 Questions on Notice****19.1 Councillor Siebentritt - QoN - Budget Allocated to supporting Business the City****19.2 Councillor Martin - QoN - Council's allocation of funding to AEDA**

The Lord Mayor advised the meeting that Councillor Martin had withdrawn his Question on Notice regarding Meeting Attendance.

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

The replies for Items 19.1 and 19.2, are attached for reference at the end of the Minutes of the meeting.

**20 Questions without Notice**CEO Undertaking – SmartMove Strategy

In response to a query from Councillor Elliott, an undertaking was given to provide Members with an update on Councillor Elliott's Question on Notice – regarding the SmartMove Strategy, which he submitted for the meeting of Council on 28 May 2024.

**21 Exclusion of the Public**

Moved by Councillor Abrahamzadeh,  
Seconded by Councillor Noon -

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (a) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the Council dated 25 June 2024 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 22 [Confidential Recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel – 19 June 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 relates to applicants received for the position of Chief Executive Officer at the City of Adelaide, which is sensitive and contains information of the personal affairs of any person (living or dead), the disclosure of which would be unreasonable.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 25 June 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 22 [Confidential Recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel – 19 June 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) (a) of the Act.

Carried

Members of the public and all Corporation staff (with the exception of Anthony Spartalis, Acting Chief Operating Officer, Kathryn Goldy, Acting Manager Governance and Charlotte Oldfield, Acting Team Leader Council Governance), left the Council Chamber at 6.24 pm.

**22 Recommendations of the Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel - 19 June 2024**

The meeting re-opened to the public at 6.48 pm.

## **Item 22 – Recommendations of the Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel - 19 June 2024**

### Confidentiality Order

Authorises that in accordance with section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and because Item 22 [Recommendations of the Chief Executive Officer Panel – 19 June 2024 ] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 25 June 2024 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3) (a) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), this meeting of the Council does order that:

1. The report, the discussion, any 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 further order, noting that this order does not operate to prevent the disclosure of the remuneration or conditions of service of the Chief Executive Officer after the remuneration or conditions have been set or determined.
2. The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in December 2024.
3. The Chief Operating 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 6.49 pm

Dr Jane Lomax-Smith  
Lord Mayor

Date of confirmation:

### Documents Attached:

Item 9.1 – Deputation – Dr Michael Llewellyn-Smith AM, Tabled document

Item 19.1 – 19.2 – Question on Notice Replies – Distributed Separately

## ADDRESS TO THE ADELAIDE CITY COUNCIL 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE

My Lord Mayor, Councillors and acting Chief Executive Officer

I appreciate the opportunity to address the Council having spent many hours in this Chamber in rather different previous roles.

The Adelaide Council was established in 1840, the second oldest Local Government in the Commonwealth outside of Britain itself. Only Toronto in Canada is older.

In November 1990 to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Local Government in Australia, the then Lord Mayor, Steve Condous, unveiled the plaque in the foyer to mark the eight years of restoration in four stages of the Town Hall, and the installation of a new pipe organ.

Of all the capital cities only Sydney and Brisbane have their own museums. The one in Perth is run privately by a not-for-profit organisation and the others are all part of their respective State Museums.

The City of Sydney Museum celebrates the events and people that have shaped the city, and it is built over the remains ~~over~~ the original Government House. There is a changing and diverse programme of events and exhibitions.

The City of Brisbane Museum is located within the City Hall. It explores historic and contemporary Brisbane through a programme of art and social history, workshops, exhibitions, talks and children's activities.

As the then Town Clerk I take some responsibility for recommending that the Council build the Topham Mall carpark in the early 1980s as part of a strategic approach to provide a ring of inner-city carparks to support the activities in the CBD. It included a basement to house the substantial and historic archives which were then located in 'dungeons' under the Town Hall. I recently had the opportunity to revisit the archives and appreciated the amount of historic material held in the Civic Collection, particularly associated with Colonel Light.

Some weeks ago, at this year's Colonel Light ceremony, the Lord Mayor suggested that consideration needed to be given to ways in which 2036 might be recognised as the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the city. I would respectfully propose that 4<sup>th</sup> November 2040 might be an appropriate alternative to recognise the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Adelaide Council and the start of Local Government in Australia. While that might seem a long way away, it is only four terms of an elected council and a long-term approach could be taken.

Like Sydney and Brisbane, a City Museum would provide a venue to showcase and recognise the events and people that have shaped the development of the city in Park Lands having regard to the unique design of Colonel Light's plan. It should also celebrate the story of the Kaurna people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide Plains. As well as the technology of videos and 3-D images, photographs and material from the Civic Collection, particularly those associated with Colonel Light, could be displayed for public view and appreciation. There is only limited public access to such artefacts in the Colonel Light Room.

If the proposal for a City Museum is supported in principle, then the issue is one of an appropriate location. A possibility is Edmund Wright House in King William Street.

The Bank of South Australia was founded in 1837 by the South Australian Company to facilitate the transfer of capital from London to the new Colony and land was purchased in King William Street. However, it wasn't until 1874 that a competition was held for its design. The winning Italianate scheme was submitted by architects Edmund Wright and Lloyd Taylor. Edmund Wright was born in London and as a young man was articled to the Borough Surveyor in Bermondsey. He learned the professions of architecture, engineering and surveying and in 1849 he emigrated to South Australia where he established an architectural practice. By 1869, when he was elected Mayor of Adelaide, it was thriving.

The building was used as a bank through several mergers until 1970 when the then owners, the ANZ Bank, sold it to the Mainline Corporation for demolition and the erection of a new office building. There was a public outcry and over \$250,000 was raised through a public appeal. Although there was a valid approval for a new building on the site, the then Premier Don Dunstan, recognised "which way the wind was blowing" about

heritage and the State Government stepped in to buy the building and restore it to its former glory.

The building was renamed as Edmund Wright House and was then used by various State departments including the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages until 1995. From then until 2003 it was occupied by the History Trust of South Australia, and from that time until 2016 by the Migrant Resource Centre. It is on the State Heritage list.

The State Government sold the building in 2019 to a private developer but it has remained vacant since that time. It is currently available for lease.

Over the years the Council has taken a strategic approach to the ownership and development of assets in support of both the commercial and residential populations of the city. In my professional opinion a “City of Adelaide Museum” would reinforce the Council’s commitment to heritage conservation while providing a venue to promote tourism and economic activity in the city centre and the importance of Local Government.

I would request that:

- . This address be included in full in the Minutes of this meeting of the Council.
- . Council consider providing sufficient funds in the 2024/25 Budget to carry out a preliminary cost/benefit analysis of establishing a City of Adelaide Museum.

Thank you for your attention.

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**Dr Michael Llewellyn-Smith AM KStJ JP**  
PhD (Adelaide), MA (Cambridge), MTCP (Sydney), MA (Adelaide), Dip Arch (Hons), Dip LG, LFPIA, LFAIA, LFLGMA.

(Former City Planner, Town Clerk/CEO, Commissioner of the City of Adelaide Planning Commission, Area Councillor. Deputy Lord Mayor)

## Councillor Siebentritt - QoN - Budget Allocated to supporting Business in the City

Tuesday, 25 June 2024  
Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Dr Mark Siebentritt

Public

**Contact Officer:**  
Anthony Spartalis, Acting Chief  
Operating Officer

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Dr Mark Siebentritt will ask the following Question on Notice:**

'What percentage of Council operating and capital budget is allocated to supporting businesses in the City, inclusive of general services and assets such as in relation to roads, waste services, green space in the City in areas in close proximity to areas of key business activity such as main streets?'

## REPLY

1. Council's finance system does not currently allocate expenditure between business support vs community supporting services. It is allocated to the service or function, with no distinction made between community or business. For example street cleaning benefits both community and businesses, but no specific allocation is made to either. Accordingly the percentages below have been calculated based on the following assumptions:
  - 1.1. The allocation includes identifiable direct service provision only and excludes Corporate Service functions such as Finance, Information Management etc which indirectly support programs and services.
  - 1.2. All Streets and Transportation service delivery, including operating maintenance, have been included, as it can be argued that the majority of streets and transportation support businesses in some way (noting it is not possible in most cases to distinguish capital renewal expenditure on a residential versus commercial road renewal and upgrade without costly comprehensive auditing).
2. Based on these assumptions:
  - 2.1. 51% of the 2024/25 draft consolidated operating budget (excluding depreciation) is allocated to support businesses.
  - 2.2. 70% of the total draft capital program for 2024/25 is allocated to supporting businesses.
3. These are broad estimates with only expenditure that is clearly and directly targeted towards business support being captured.
4. To note, significant City of Adelaide expenditure provides overlapping benefit to many stakeholder groups. An example would be funding for major events which has benefits for businesses, residents and visitors.
5. Estimating the proportional costs would involve complex modelling and interpretation, which is not possible within existing resources.



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## Councillor Martin - QoN - Council's allocation of funding to AEDA

Tuesday, 25 June 2024

**Council**

**Council Member**

Councillor Phillip Martin

Public

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## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:**

'At the Council meeting on 28 May 2024 following a Question without Notice on Council's allocation of funding to AEDA to enable Business SA to provide advice to small business, the Administration undertook to answer questions subsequently published in E News. Could the Administration provide the following information arising from the E-News response;

1. What was the precise amount sought and received by AEDA as part of our Budget and Business Plan to fund the Business SA program to assist City Small Businesses and which was subsequently axed?
2. Noting the University of Adelaide pays no rates, why did AEDA allocate \$156,000 of the money set aside for advice to small business to a University program and how many City businesses and non-City businesses were funded or supported with the funds provided to the University's Thinlab?
3. Noting the advice to Councillors in E-News that "(the AEDA) Board considered it important that the activities it supported complemented, rather than duplicated, State funded activities...", why did the Board allocate a further \$114,000 of the Business SA funding to the State Government initiated and funded MTP Connect and how many City businesses and how many non City businesses received any funding or support?
4. Is the identity called Southstart identified as having received more than \$135,000 of the money previously budgeted for the Business SA program a private company and how was the money allocated by Southstart, how many City businesses and how many non-City businesses received financial or other support from the Southstart grant?
5. How was Council's funding acknowledged by each recipient?

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## REPLY

1. The funding for initiatives to support small businesses has been incorporated into the Strategic Partnerships Program budget since 2022-23. As such there was no specific allocation sought in the 2024-25 budget, noting that an amount equivalent to the former funding provided to Business SA (\$100k) was included in the Strategic Partnership Program request.
2. The Strategic Partnership Program is underpinned by a contestable approach to allocating funding. The contestable approach enables AEDA to test the market to identify new ideas and programs that respond to specific challenges and opportunities and broadens the range of organisations with which AEDA works.
3. The changes in Adelaide's small business service support space resulting from the State Government's Small and Family Business Strategy and the expiration of the Business SA agreement meant it was timely for the AEDA Board to review the focus of this funding and to test the market for proposals to achieve that focus.

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4. The program guidelines sought to identify “*proposals that support the small business sector, specifically in the areas of start-ups, scale ups and business growth. Preference will be given to activities that are more intensive rather than high volume light touch activities from which it is difficult to quantify the impact.*”
5. Proposals were assessed against the degree to which applicants addressed the program aim, organisational capability, measurability of outcomes, innovation of the approach and financial viability of the organisation.
6. After an open competitive process, the three organisations funded were those deemed by the assessment panel to provide the best proposals when judged against the published assessment criteria. The recommendations of the panel were supported by the AEDA Board.
7. Collectively the three programs (Thinlab, MTP Connect, Southstart) are working with 36 businesses. Of these, 34 are city businesses and the remaining 2 businesses have technology and research relations with the universities.
8. SouthStart is a private company and its program aims to accelerate the growth of early stage businesses, with participants taking part in intensive workshops, receiving access to industry experts, introductions to investors and coaching opportunities.
9. A condition of grant is for program recipients to specifically acknowledge the funding contribution from the City of Adelaide and AEDA in their branding of the programs, references in social media and at associated events.

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