

# Recommendations of the City Finance and Governance Committee

Tuesday, 23 May 2023  
Council

Strategic Alignment - Enabling Priorities

Public

**Approving Officer:**  
Michael Sedgman, Chief  
Operating Officer

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City Finance and Governance Committee considered the following Item at its meeting held on 16 May 2023 and resolved to present to Council the following recommendations for Council determination:

- Item 4.1 – 2023/24 Business Plan and Budget - Review of Fees and Charges
- Item 4.2 – Q3 Business Update
- Item 4.3 – Award of Contract
- Item 4.4 - Council Member Behavioural Support Policy
- Item 4.5 – Employee Behavioural Standards
- Item 4.6 - Sister City Proposal with Athens, Greece

## RECOMMENDATION

### 1. Recommendation 1 – 2023/24 Business Plan and Budget - Review of Fees and Charges

That Council:

1. Adopts the schedule of Fees and Charges set by Council for the 2023/24 Business Plan and Budget as included in Attachment A to Item 4.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 May 2023.
2. Resolves to provide a transitional approach to the fees being reinstated following waives in recent years, so that they commence being charged from 1 October 2023, instead of 1 July 2023. This applies specifically to the activities of outdoor dining, events held in park lands, and parklets.
3. Notes the schedule of Fees and Charges set under delegation by Council for the 2023/24 Business Plan and Budget as included in Attachment B to Item 4.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 May 2023.
4. Adopts the schedule of Fees and Charges set by Council for Adelaide Economic Development Agency for the 2023/24 Business Plan and Budget as included in Attachment C to Item 4.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 May 2023.
5. Notes the schedule of General Fees and Charges set by Statute included in Attachment D to Item 4.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 May 2023. These fees will be updated once gazetted by State Government in June 2023.
6. Notes the schedule of Commercial Business Fees and Charges set under delegation by Council for the 2023/24 Business Plan and Budget as included in Attachment E to Item 4.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 May 2023.
7. Notes the base level increase of 5% being applied to most fees and charges, which is in consideration of current levels of inflation and the most recent forecast for 2023/24 CPI from Deloitte Economics being 4.1%, and a reflection of recent years in which Council's fees and charges have not increased.

## **2. Recommendation 2 - Q3 Business Update**

### That Council:

1. Approves the changes for the 2022/23 Business Plan and Budget as identified in this report and reflected in the Quarter 3 update presented in Attachment A to Item 4.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 May 2023.
2. Approves the Uniform Presentation of Finances as presented in Attachment A to Item 4.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 May 2023 and the revised Annual Financial Summary as identified in this report, which include:
  - 2.1. Total estimated operating income of \$213.446 million (\$213.446 million in Q2)
  - 2.2. Total estimated operating expenditure (including depreciation) of \$213.359 million (\$213.359 million in Q2)
  - 2.3. An operating surplus of \$87,000 (\$87,000 in Q2)
  - 2.4. Council borrowings (debt) projected to \$9.9 million (\$37.9 million in Q2).
3. Approves the proposed changes to Operating Position of:
  - 3.1. New offsets across both expenditure and revenue totalling \$1.988 million towards the \$4.83 million savings target set by Council.
4. Approves the revised Capital Budget for 2022/23 of:
  - 4.1. Major Projects expenditure of \$17.1 million (previously \$30.5 million in Q2)
  - 4.2. New and Upgrades expenditure of \$6.5 million (previously \$11.3 million in Q2)
  - 4.3. Renewals expenditure of \$38.2 million (previously \$42.6 million in Q2)
  - 4.4. Capital Program Management expenditure of \$9.8 million (no change from the \$9.8 million in Q2)
  - 4.5. Grant funding to support capital expenditure on new/upgraded assets of \$11.7 million (previously \$11.5 million in Q2).
5. Approves an allocation of \$20,000 to the Adelaide Crows Foundation for a strategic partnership with the City of Adelaide to enable the delivery of the Kumankga Cup, a cultural festival using AFL to create safe spaces for middle school students to learn about reconciliation and Kaurna culture and history, culminating in all 300 City of Adelaide students and 50 Tjindu Foundation/SEDA indigenous students participating in the AFL Sir Doug Nicholls round at Adelaide Oval, Saturday 20 May.
6. Notes the Adelaide Central Market Authority Quarter 3 report 2022/23 (Attachment B to Item 4.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 May 2023).
7. Notes the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Quarter 3 report 2022/23 (Attachment C to Item 4.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 May 2023).
8. Notes the Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority Quarter 3 report 2022/23 (Attachment D to Item 4.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 May 2023).
9. Notes the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Quarter 3 report 2022/23 (Attachment E to Item 4.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 May 2023).
10. Notes that at the end of this Quarter 92% of Projects were capitalised within 10 Weeks, exceeding the 70% target set by the Audit and Risk Committee at its meeting of 5 February 2021.

## **3. Recommendation 3 – Award of Contract**

### That Council:

1. Approves the award of contracts to the preferred tenderers as identified by the evaluation panels for the following goods and services:
  - 1.1 Project 1: Adelaide Town Hall Façade Conservation
  - 1.2 Project 2: Rymill Park Lake Renewal and Surrounds.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to execute the relevant contract(s) including the approval of any variation (financial and non-financial) to the contract based on the procurement process conducted.

**4. Recommendation 4 – Council Member Behavioural Support Policy**

That Council:

1. Notes the requirements of 75F of the Local Government Act 1999, for the Council to consider if it will adopt a Council Member Behavioural Support Policy.
2. Having met the requirement of section 75F of the Local Government Act 1999, supports adopting a Council Member Behavioural Support Policy

**5. Recommendation 5 – Employee Behavioural Standards**

That Council:

1. Supports the adoption of employee behavioural standards.
2. Delegates, pursuant to the power contained in Section 44 (1) of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA), to the Chief Executive Officer, the powers, and functions under Section 120A of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA) – Employee Behavioural Standards.

**6. Recommendation 6 – Sister City Proposal with Athens, Greece**

That Council:

1. Notes the keen interest expressed by the South Australian business community and members of the South Australian Parliament, Attachments A, B and C to Item 4.6 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 May 2023, in developing a Sister City relationship with Athens, Greece.
2. Authorises the Administration to enter discussions with Athens, Greece to determine the nature and themes of a proposed Memorandum of Understanding.
3. Notes that before a relationship can be entered into, intent to do so must be registered with the Foreign Arrangements Scheme and approval given.

## DISCUSSION

1. The City Finance and Governance Committee met on Tuesday 16 May 2023. The Agenda with reports for the meeting can be viewed [here](#).
2. The following matters were the subject of deliberation:

- 2.1. 2023/24 Business Plan and Budget - Review of Fees and Charges

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## DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Link 1** – City Finance and Governance Committee Agenda

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## ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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