

Climate Change Risk Adaptation Action Plan

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Audit and Risk Committee

Strategic Alignment - Environmental Leadership

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines the approach currently underway to review the Climate Change Risk Adaptation Action Plan for the consideration of the Audit and Risk Committee.

A further update on review of the Action Plan will be provided in October 2023. At the Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 10 May 2023, at Item 5.1 - Climate Change Risk Adaptation Action Plan, it was resolved that the Audit and Risk Committee:

1. Notes the report.
2. Recommends bringing forward the mid point review of the Climate Change Risk Adaptation Action Plan and requests an update to the October Audit and Risk Committee meeting.

Assessment of achievements under the plan from 2021-2023 will be undertaken as part of the review.

This report also provides the fourth quarter reporting for the 2022-2023 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

1. Notes the report.
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Environmental Leadership City of Adelaide’s (CoA) 2020-2024 Strategic Plan includes an outcome to be a ‘climate ready organisation and community’.
Policy	The Climate Change Risk Adaptation Action Plan (Plan) 2021-2026 includes actions to integrate climate risk into governance documents and processes, facility planning and management and service provision so risks can be managed.
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	City of Adelaide’s exposure to corporate climate change governance, physical and transition risks were identified in the Climate Change Risk Assessment Report. The Climate Change Risk Adaptation Action Plan (Plan) 2021-2026 seeks to reduce this exposure.
Opportunities	Audit and Risk Committee has requested the mid-point review of the Action Plan be brought forward to address matters such as the retiming of actions and budget implication of the plan.
23/24 Budget Allocation	\$200,000 is allocated to Climate Change Risk Adaptation Actions in 2023/24. The review is being funded from the Climate Change Action Initiative Fund (CCAIF).
Proposed 24/25 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	The Climate Change Risk Adaptation Action Plan has a five-year timeframe for implementation from 2021 to 2026. A mid-point review of the Plan was scheduled in 2024 and final review of the Plan in 2026. The mid-point review is being undertaken in 2023/24 and may change the overall timing of the Action Plan.
23/24 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

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DISCUSSION

Background

1. At its meeting on 10 May 2023, the Audit and Risk Committee requested the mid-point review of the Climate Change Risk Adaptation Action Plan 2021-2026 be brought forward and an update be provided to the October 2023 Audit and Risk Committee meeting.
2. This report outlines the approach to review the Climate Change Risk Adaptation Action Plan for the consideration of the Audit and Risk Committee.
3. A three phased approach to the review is proposed:
 - 3.1. Phase 1 - assessment of the plan's achievements to date, objectives, strategies, and implementation methods, identifying both strengths and weaknesses of the existing action plan.
 - 3.2. Phase 2 - comprehensive analysis of objectives, strategies and implementation, providing recommendations where applicable to enhance the plan's effectiveness and improve its capacity to address climate change risks.
 - 3.3. Phase 3 - implementation of the recommendations identified in Phase 2 of the review, including (if required) target setting, metrics and measurement, Council's role(s), integration across the organisation, and roadmap for implementation.

Assessment of Achievements

4. Assessment of achievements under the Climate Change Risk Adaptation Action Plan from 2021-2023 will be undertaken as part of Phase 1 the review.
5. In total there are 95 actions in the Climate Change Risk Adaptation Action Plan to be undertaken over the five year lifespan of the action plan. To date, a total of 21 actions have been completed.
6. To complete reporting for the fourth quarter of the 2022-2023 financial year, the following status is provided:
 - 6.1. Of the 28 actions due to be completed by June 2023, 19 are complete, 8 are in progress and 1 is not started.
 - 6.2. A summary table of the actions due to be completed by 30 June 2023 and their status is provided – [Link 1](#).
 - 6.3. Key highlights for the quarter include:
 - 6.3.1. People Safety and Wellbeing have worked with The University of Adelaide to develop a heat map work zone matrix and protocol for the use of an ESIM (Environmental Stress Index Monitor 2.0) (Heat Index/"feels like" temperature tool).
 - 6.3.2. A protocol was established and implemented for July - Sept 2023 for regular monitoring, internal analysis and communication of long-term weather and climate projections for the Events Team.
 - 6.3.3. A process was agreed by which extra information could be provided at pre-lodgement for developments over \$5M (except fit outs) e.g. multistorey apartments, office buildings, retail, school developments (with the detailed advice under development).
 - 6.3.4. Processes have been improved to ensure Council communicates through all channels (i.e. digital screens, emails to stakeholders and social media channels) when extreme events occur (ie Code Red and Code Blue).

Next Steps

7. Phase 1 and 2 of the review are targeting completion by October 2023 to enable a further update to be provided at the Audit and Risk Committee as requested at its meeting on 10 May 2023.
 8. The aim is to deliver the Phase 3 of the review by December 2023 in time for the Q3 budget review, if required, and preparation of budget proposals for 2024/25.
 9. Administration will continue to implement delivery of the actions identified in the 23/24 Annual Business Plan and Budget relating to climate risk.
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DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – 2022/23 Fourth Quarter Update on Climate Change Risk Adaptation Action Plan 2021-2026

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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