

Committee Review

Strategic Alignment - Enabling Priorities

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City Finance and Governance
Committee

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update to the City Finance and Governance Committee on the review of the current Committee Structure as well as reporting mechanisms from Committee to Council.

RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 24 October 2023 for consideration

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL :

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes that a review of the current Committee Structure will take place after the finalisation of the Strategic Plan 2024-2028, noting that no changes to the current Committee Structure can take place before 31 January 2024.
 2. Notes the proposed changes to the Committee Recommendation Reports from the core committees as outlined in paragraph 7 of the Discussion section of Agenda Item 7.8 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 17 October 2023.
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Enabling Priorities Consideration of Council's Governance structure assists Council continually improve its governance and maximise community benefit
Policy	Committee Terms of Reference Code of Practice Meeting Procedures
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	Not as a result of this report
23/24 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 24/25 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report
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

DISCUSSION

Committee Structure

1. At a Special Meeting of Council on 17 January 2023, Council resolved its Governance Structure including the following core committees ([Link One](#)).
 - 1.1. City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee
 - 1.2. Infrastructure and Public Works Committee
 - 1.3. City Finance and Governance Committee
 - 1.4. City Community Services and Culture Committee
2. At Council's meeting on 31 January 2023 a motion to revoke the Governance Structure was lost. ([Link Two](#))
3. As the motion was lost, a motion to the same effect cannot be brought to the Council until 31 January 2024. Consequently the existing committee structure remains in place until then.
4. In considering the Governance structure, the administration committed at the Special Council Meeting of 17 January 2023 to undertake a review of that structure. It is proposed to bring a report back to the City Finance and Governance Committee once the Strategic Plan 2024-2028 has been finalised.
5. This will allow any changes to the structure to be aligned with the Council's strategic direction.

Committee Recommendations Report

6. Feedback has been received that the way the Committee Recommendations Report (recommendation report) is presented to Council is confusing to members of the public.
7. The Chief Executive Officer will implement the following changes to the recommendation report :
 - 7.1. That the recommendation will include any items for noting and any items that have been lost or deferred
 - 7.2. That the report will includes information on:
 - 7.2.1. what the recommendation to the Committee was
 - 7.2.2. any amendments or variations made
 - 7.2.3. any motions which were lost.
 - 7.3. Includes any attachments the Council are asked to adopt or endorse (rather than a link back to the Committee Agenda).

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – Minutes from Special Council Meeting 17 January 2023

Link 2 - Minutes from Council Meeting 31 January 2023

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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