

Councillor Couros - MoN - Outdoor Dining Fees

Tuesday, 14 November 2023
Council

Council Member
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

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MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

That Council requests for administration to:

1. Conduct a survey for all hospitality businesses in North Adelaide to assess the impact of the introduction of outdoor dining fees on their operations.
2. Include in their survey how the council can support them to encourage more inclusive spaces in North Adelaide.
3. Bring a report back for consideration, no later than 3 months, with the results of the survey.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. As part of the 2023/24 Annual Business Plan and Budget, outdoor dining fees were reinstated from 1 October 2023.
2. Outdoor dining fees had been waived in some format since 2016/17 for a range of reasons which pre-date COVID-19, but continued throughout the pandemic to support the hospitality industry.
3. Following endorsement of the 2023/24 Annual Business Plan and Budget, Administration have been engaging with all outdoor dining permit holders to provide notice of fees being reinstated, and conducting an audit to ensure appropriate fees are invoiced.
4. Invoices were sent out in September 2023, with further engagement occurring with many business owners seeking alterations to their outdoor dining space. This has resulted in changes to fee amounts to business owners and these assessments are currently ongoing.
5. As the draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan and Budget underwent public consultation in June 2023, and outdoor dining fees were reinstated on 1 October 2023, further engagement with businesses on the impact of reinstated fees would benefit from sufficient time for the impacts of fees to be assessed.
6. As part of the development of the draft 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget, a workshop and report regarding proposals for fees and charges will be presented to Council for consideration and endorsement.
7. If this motion is supported, in addition to surveying North Adelaide businesses about the impact of reinstating outdoor dining fees, Administration will seek feedback on how Council can encourage more inclusive spaces in North Adelaide.
8. It is noted that existing resources are dedicated to managing the fee reinstatement and renewal process, and other actions such as the 'Leigh St Thoroughfare' resolution relating to outdoor dining carried at the 24 October 2023 Council meeting ([Item 17.2 – Leigh St Thoroughfare](#)).

9. If this motion is supported, additional resources are anticipated to be required to meet the specified timelines and are estimated at between \$10,000 to \$20,000, which would be prioritised as part of the Q2 Budget Review.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	If supported, engagement and consultation will occur with outdoor dining permit holders in North Adelaide.
External consultant advice	Not Applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not Applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not Applicable
Budget reallocation	If supported, it is anticipated the engagement and report will require additional resources, estimated at between \$10k - \$20k which is not currently budgeted and is proposed to be prioritised as part of the Q2 Budget Review process.
Capital investment	Not Applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	3 months to allow for engagement, assessment of results and development of report.
Other	Not Applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.

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