

Councillor Giles - MoN - Develop a Community Development Discussion Paper

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Council

Council Member
Councillor Janet Giles

Public

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MOTION ON NOTICE

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

'That Council requests Administration to:

1. Develop a Community Development Discussion paper to inform the 2024-2028 Strategic Plan, the development of a City Plan and the 2024/25 annual budget process.
2. This paper should include but not be limited to the following:
 - 2.1 A summary of ACC policies, strategies and services, demographic information and historical context in the area of community development in our city and North Adelaide;
 - 2.2 Identification of the challenges we need to consider in building a city of 50,000 residents who are well and living connected lives as members of a diverse community;
 - 2.3 How we could engage our community more effectively; and
 - 2.4 What policy frameworks and resources we need.
3. This Community Development Discussion paper to be presented at the February 2024 Community Culture and Services meeting.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. If Council resolves to support the Motion, Administration will prepare a Community Development Discussion Paper that builds on multiple bodies of work that are planned or in train.
2. Within the organisation, community development functions are delivered by the City Lifestyle and Creative City teams both from a place-based approach and a communities of interest perspective.
3. The draft Homelessness Strategy, included an approach and definition of community development as follows:
 - 3.1. "A community development approach will underpin our work to support local communities. Community development principles include empowerment, human rights, social justice, self-determination, and collective action."
4. Community development principles have underpinned work on:
 - 4.1. Social Infrastructure Assessment - (draft to be presented to Council in 2024) undertaken to inform development of the City Plan, including an assessment of social infrastructure that:

- 4.1.1. Reviews existing social infrastructure inclusive of community, cultural, education and recreation facilities and public open spaces.
- 4.1.2. Assesses the social infrastructure need now and into the future based on benchmarking, trends, stakeholder feedback and catchment analysis.
- 4.1.3. Determines gaps in social infrastructure provision and identifies interventions to ensure population is supported by social infrastructure provision.
- 4.2. Community Wellbeing Research – to inform review of the Community Wellbeing Plan/Policy and Active City Strategy, including:
 - 4.2.1. Council of the Ageing, Plug In ‘Positive Ageing in the City’ Consumer insights report.
 - 4.2.2. ‘Wellbeing and Resilience of International Students’ research project being led by UniSA researchers (Centre for Research in Educational and Social Inclusion) and wide range of partners such as CoA and Study Adelaide.
- 5. The Community Development Discussion Paper can draw on the City of Adelaide’s Wellbeing Dashboard data which is collected annually.
- 6. Implementing a community development approach requires a commitment of time and resources which research confirms is valuable to supporting positive social outcomes.
- 7. The Local Government Association of SA Community Managers Network supported the development of a ‘Local Government Working with Communities – Induction Guide’ to support a shared understanding of community development across the sector.
- 8. A Community Development Discussion Paper can be informed by existing City of Adelaide’s engagements with the community and stakeholders.

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	A Community Development Discussion Paper can be refined with feedback from targeted stakeholders.
External consultant advice	The Discussion Paper will be developed internally. Consultant advice may be used to develop some of the guiding materials.
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Drafting the Discussion Paper is not currently resourced and will require input from a range of teams across the organisation.
Budget reallocation	Not applicable
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	The proposed Discussion Paper is not currently resourced and is estimated to take 200 hours (excluding any consultation).
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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