

Councillor Noon - MoN - Adelaide Comets Football Club

Tuesday, 12 March 2024
Council

Council Member
Councillor Carmel Noon

Public

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MOTION ON NOTICE

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

'That Council;

1. Notes the report concerning the Adelaide Comets Football Club's request tabled at February 6, 2024 City Community Services and Culture Committee where the Elected Members were advised that the Council Administration had been collaborating with the Club for 2-3 years re this request. This was the first instance that the Elected Members were provided with this information to formulate a recommendation for a Council meeting scheduled just one week later on February 13, 2024.
2. Request the Administration ensure through an agreed pipeline process (eg CEO Briefings) that all Elected Members are informed in a timely manner about ongoing negotiations, rather than just one week before a Council meeting via a Committee, particularly for issues that have State Government involvement/funding/pre-election promises and are likely to be contentious and polarize the council and community alike.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. The provision of the reports related to the Adelaide Comets Football Club's requests is consistent with the approach taken for other projects. In this instance, it included seeking advice from Kadaltilla and the provision of a report to the City Community Services and Culture Committee prior to consideration by Council.
2. It is acknowledged that projects of this nature are often multi-staged. This is due to a range of factors including access to funding. As a consequence, projects like these can be staggered across multiple financial years and terms of council.
3. This project is one such example and was a future stage of an overall proposal commenced by the Adelaide Comets Football Club at Park 24 in 2016. This particular stage was funded entirely by a 2022 State Government election commitment via a grant of \$1.75m to the Adelaide Comets Football Club.
4. Recent examples that align with the criteria stated in the motion include:
 - 4.1. State Government projects such as the Adelaide Aquatic Centre redevelopment and the new Women's and Children's Hospital. In these cases, substantial briefings and engagement with the Council have been provided.
 - 4.2. State Government election commitments, notwithstanding the major projects outlined above, with examples including Hutt Street and Melbourne Street upgrades.
 - 4.3. State Government grants such as those received through the Open Space Fund.

5. Should the proposed motion be supported by Council, a quarterly update can be provided for Council via E-News on new proposals that have been submitted to Administration, that meet the parameters of State Government involvement, funding or election commitment.

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	Not applicable
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable
Budget reallocation	Not applicable
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	4 hours
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 hours.

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