

Local Government Participation and Elections Review submission

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City Finance and Governance Committee

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

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PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP

The Office of Local Government is conducting a state-wide consultation to give the community an opportunity to provide feedback on ideas and suggestions regarding how communities can better engage with their councils throughout a council term, particularly at election time.

A draft City of Adelaide (COA) submission was presented to the City Finance and Governance Committee on 20 February 2024 [Link One](#). The Committee resolved that the matter be deferred to a workshop at a future City Finance and Governance Committee meeting. Since then, a survey of Council Members has been undertaken on the submission.

At its conclusion, the survey had received between one and four responses per question, with two to four unique engagements per topic. All comments have been added to an updated submission as provided in **Attachment A**, and feedback is sought from the Council in order to finalise the submission. This workshop will focus on those areas where responses differed from the draft Administration response.

Survey responses for the four topics are **Attachments B-E**.

A report will be presented to Council at its meeting on 26 March 2024 in order to meet the submission date of 28 March 2024.

KEY QUESTIONS

- How do people engage with their council?
- How can we encourage a greater number of more diverse candidates?
- How can we achieve a greater voter turnout?
- What can we suggest to improve effective elections?

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Endorses the draft submission to the Local Government Participation and Elections Review provided as Attachment A to Item 6.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 March 2024.
2. Notes that the draft submission to the Local Government Participation and Elections Review will be updated to incorporate the feedback received from the City Finance and Governance Committee at the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 March 2024.

3. Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer to make minor editorial and formatting changes as required to finalise the draft submission to the Local Government Participation and Elections Review.
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Draft submission to the Local Government Participation Elections Review

Attachment B – Survey responses – Topic one

Attachment C – Survey responses – Topic two

Attachment D – Survey responses – Topic three

Attachment E – Survey responses – Topic four

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