

City of Adelaide Draft Annual Report 2023/24

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Audit and Risk Committee

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

Public

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Adelaide's Annual Report 2023/24 presents its performance, achievements and planned outcomes as measured against the City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan, 2024-2028 Strategic Plan and the 2023/24 Business Plan and Budget to its community and stakeholders.

The Annual Report is a central element of Council's Strategic Management Framework, and a point in time document of the City of Adelaide's achievements against commitments in the key strategies and plans of Council.

The Annual Report alongside quarterly reporting drives transparency and accountability to our community and stakeholders on services, functions and projects supporting our city and its people to thrive. Council is committed to seeking feedback and understanding our community, to ensure the services we deliver meet community needs.

An Annual Report is a requirement of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act). It must include any associated Council subsidiary annual reports and must be considered and adopted by Council before 30 November each year.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

1. Notes the draft City of Adelaide Annual Report 2023/24 as contained in Attachment A to Item 8.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 27 September 2024.
2. Notes the draft Adelaide Central Market Authority Annual Report 2023/24 as contained in Attachment B to Item 8.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 27 September 2024.
3. Notes the draft Adelaide Economic Development Agency Annual Report 2023/24 as contained in Attachment C to Item b on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 27 September 2024.
4. Notes the draft Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Annual Report 2023/24 as contained in Attachment D to Item 8.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 27 September 2024.
5. Notes the draft Brown Hill and Keswick Creek Stormwater Board Annual Report 2023/24 as contained in Attachment E to Item 8.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 27 September 2024.
6. Notes that the Chief Executive Officer or delegate can make minor or technical amendments to the City of Adelaide Annual Report 2023/24 as contained in Attachment A to Item 8.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 27 September 2024.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation The Annual Report 2023/24 is the City of Adelaide’s report to the community and stakeholders on its performance, achievements and planned outcomes as measured against the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan, 2024-28 Strategic Plan and the 2023/24 Business Plan and Budget.
Policy	The Annual Report 2023/24 is a central element of Council’s Strategic Management Framework.
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Compilation and presentation of the City of Adelaide Annual Report 2023/24 is consistent with the legislative requirements of annual reporting to the community set out in the <i>Local Government Act 1999 (SA)</i> . This includes the requirements of Schedule 4 (‘Material to be included in the annual report of a council’) encompassing Council’s strategic management plans implementation performance for the previous financial year, and Council’s future projections and targets planned for the current financial year. Copies of the Annual Report must be submitted to the Parliamentary Librarian of South Australia, the State Library of South Australia, and the National Library of Australia by 30 November 2024, and the SA Local Government Grants Commission by 31 December 2024. There are no expected risks associated with the completion of the legislative process.
Opportunities	The production and promotion of the Annual Report will further enable Council to transparently share its achievements.
24/25 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 25/26 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
24/25 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

1. The Audit and Risk Committee's Terms of Reference outlines its responsibilities with regard to Management Plans and Business Plans:
 - 1.1. *Review and provide advice on the Council's Strategic Management Plans, Integrated Business Plan, Long Term Financial Management Plan, Climate Risk Plan and Asset Management Plans.*
 - 1.2. *Review, advise and approve (where appropriate) relevant components of Council's Annual Report, including:*
 - 1.2.1. *Annual financial statements for Council and Subsidiaries*
 - 1.2.2. *Annual report of the Committee to be included in the Council Annual Report*
 - 1.3. *Monitor and review the effective delivery of these plans.*
2. The Annual Report and regular quarterly reports are provided to the Audit and Risk Committee to enable the Audit and Risk Committee's responsibilities relating to reviewing, providing advice and monitoring the Business Plan and Budget.
3. In accordance with Section 131 of the Act

"A council must, on or before 30 November in each year, prepare and adopt an annual report relating to the operations of the council for the financial year ending on the preceding 30 June."

And include

"the annual report of any subsidiary received by the council under Schedule 2 for the relevant financial year."
4. The City of Adelaide Annual Report must include material and specific reports on the matters specified in Schedule 4 of the Act including financial reports, legislatively required Council and Corporation practices, an annual report for any subsidiary, an annual report for the Audit and Risk Committee, and achievements against Strategic Management Plans and the Business Plan and Budget.
5. Highlights included in the 2023/24 Annual Report (**Attachment A**) include that the City of Adelaide:
 - 5.1. Strengthened partnerships across Government which supported joint co-investment, including with Renewal SA (State Government) on the finalisation of the Market to Riverbank Laneways upgrade (Pitt Street), and through the City Deal (a joint Federal, State and City of Adelaide funding agreement) on the Adelaide Free WiFi and the City Safe CCTV network upgrades.
 - 5.2. Endorsed the *Homelessness Strategy – Everyone's Business*, which articulates key partnerships, including the Adelaide Zero Project and the *Housing Strategy – Investing in our Housing Future*, which includes targets for housing growth.
 - 5.3. Worked with key partners throughout the year to ensure diverse events and activations throughout the city. This included 195 major events licenced in the Adelaide Park Lands, 45 sponsored events, 330 activations in Rundle Mall, a focus on summer and winter activations, and place and event experiences with more events distributed to main streets and neighbourhoods.
 - 5.4. Delivered the Adelaide Economic Development Agency (AEDA) Strategic Partnership Program, including partnership programs that supported over 35 city businesses with University of Adelaide's ThinLab, MTPConnect and SouthSTART to deliver targeted programs that support small-medium growth ready businesses, increasing jobs and investment. Funding continued for Renew Adelaide who supported the establishment of 30 businesses in vacant premises the city.
 - 5.5. Developed Council's *Integrated Climate Strategy*, following extensive engagement with Council, key stakeholders and the community. Built on best practice research and bringing together other policy aligned documents, the strategy will drive our actions to be resilient, protected and sustainable to 2030.
 - 5.6. Invested over \$90 million through Council's Capital Works Program, with continued focus on the Mainstreet Revitalisation Project. This project included concept designs for Gouger Street, detailed designs and community engagement on Hindley Street, and initiating works for Hutt Road through stormwater and entryway improvements.

- 5.7. Finalised six Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans – Building; Lighting and Electrical; Park Lands and Open Spaces; Transportation; Urban Elements; Water Infrastructure.
6. The City of Adelaide Draft Annual Report 2023/24 (**Attachment A**) along with subsidiary annual reports for; Adelaide Central Market Authority (**Attachment B**), Adelaide Economic Development Agency (**Attachment C**), Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority (**Attachment D**) and Brown Hill and Keswick Creek Stormwater Board (**Attachment E**), each of which have been approved by their respective boards, will be presented to the Council meeting of 22 October 2024 for adoption.
7. Audited financial statements for the City of Adelaide and each of the subsidiaries, and that of Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Board will be presented to the Audit and Risk Committee as a separate report at its meeting of 27 September 2024. Council will receive these financial statements at its meeting on 22 October 2024.
8. Any feedback the Audit and Risk Committee provides on the Annual Report will be considered by Council before its adoption of the Draft Annual Report 2023/24 before 30 November 2024.
9. A copy of the finalised Annual Report documents will be submitted to the Parliamentary Librarian of South Australia, the State Library of South Australia, and the National Library of Australia by 30 November 2024. A copy will be provided to the South Australian Local Government Grants Commission by 31 December 2024.
10. Once adopted, the Annual Report will be available on Council's website, with copies available at Council's Customer Centre and Libraries.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Draft City of Adelaide Annual Report 2023/24

Attachment B – Draft Adelaide Central Market Authority Annual Report 2023/24

Attachment C – Draft Adelaide Economic Development Agency Annual Report 2023/24

Attachment D – Draft Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Annual Report 2023/24

Attachment E – Draft Brown Hill and Keswick Creek Stormwater Board Annual Report 2023/24

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