Exclusion of the Public

Tuesday, 28 January 2025 Council

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Public

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), states that a Council may order that the public be excluded from attendance at a meeting if the Council considers it to be necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public to receive, discuss or consider in confidence any information or matter listed in section 90(3) of the Act.

It is the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer that the public be excluded from this Council meeting for the consideration of information and matters contained in the Agenda.

For the following Chief Executive Officer's Report seeking consideration in confidence

- 20.1 Capital City Committee Annual Report and Update [section 90(3) (g) of the Act]
- 20.2 Delegation to Award Contract

The Order to Exclude for Item 20.1 and 20.2:

- 1. Identifies the information and matters (grounds) from section 90(3) of the Act utilised to request consideration in confidence.
- 2. Identifies the <u>basis</u> how the information falls within the grounds identified and why it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public.
- 3. In addition, identifies for the following grounds section 90(3) (b), (d) or (j) of the Act how information open to the public would be contrary to the <u>public interest</u>.

ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 21.1

THAT COUNCIL:

Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (g) and section 90(2) & (7) of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA), this meeting of the Council dated 28 January 2025 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 20.1 [Capital City Committee Annual Report and Update] listed on the Agenda in a meeting open to the public would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

Grounds and Basis

The disclosure of information in this report would breach 'Cabinet in confidence' information presented to the Capital City Committee (CCC) established under the City of Adelaide Act 1998 which has provided for a State/Capital City inter-governmental forum (the CCC) to operate and the associated duty of confidence and duty as a member of the inter-governmental forum.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 28 January 2025 orders that the public (with the exception of members of Corporation staff and any person permitted to remain) be excluded from this meeting to enable this meeting to receive, discuss or consider in confidence Item 20.1 [Capital City Committee Annual Report and Update] listed in the Agenda, on the grounds that such item of business, contains information and matters of a kind referred to in section 90(3) (g) of the Act.

ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 21.2

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in sections 90(3) (b) and (d) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the Council dated 28 January 2025 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 20.2 [Delegation to Award Contract] listed on the Agenda in a meeting open to the public would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

Grounds and Basis

This Item is commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to identify the shortlisted tenderers and to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting business and prejudice the commercial position of the Council, with the potential to confer a commercial advantage to a third party competitor of a person with whom the council is conducting business.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 28 January 2025 orders that the public (with the exception of members of Corporation staff and any person permitted to remain) be excluded from this meeting to enable this meeting to receive, discuss or consider in confidence Item 20.2 [Delegation to Award Contract] listed in the Agenda, on the grounds that such item of business, contains information and matters of a kind referred to in sections 90(3) (b) and (d) of the Act.

DISCUSSION

- 1. Section 90(1) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act) directs that a meeting of Council must be conducted in a place open to the public.
- 2. Section 90(2) of the Act, states that a Council may order that the public be excluded from attendance at a meeting if Council considers it to be necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public to receive, discuss or consider in confidence any information or matter listed in section 90(3) of the Act.
- 3. Section 90(3) of the Act prescribes the information and matters that a Council may order that the public be excluded from.
- 4. Section 90(4) of the Act, advises that in considering whether an order should be made to exclude the public under section 90(2) of the Act, it is irrelevant that discussion of a matter in public may -
 - '(a) cause embarrassment to the council or council committee concerned, or to members or employees of the council: or
 - (b) cause a loss of confidence in the council or council committee; or
 - (c) involve discussion of a matter that is controversial within the council area; or
 - (d) make the council susceptible to adverse criticism.'
- 5. Section 90(7) of the Act requires that an order to exclude the public:
 - 5.1 Identify the information and matters (grounds) from section 90(3) of the Act utilised to request consideration in confidence.
 - 5.2 Identify the basis how the information falls within the grounds identified and why it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public.
 - 5.3 In addition identify for the following grounds section 90(3) (b), (d) or (j) of the Act how information open to the public would be contrary to the public interest.
- 6. Section 83(5) of the Act has been utilised to identify in the Agenda and on the Report for the meeting, that the following report is submitted seeking consideration in confidence.
 - 6.1 Information contained in Item 20.1 Capital City Committee Annual Report and Update
 - 6.1.1 Is not subject to an existing Confidentiality Order.
 - 6.1.2 The grounds utilised to request consideration in confidence is section 90(3)(g) of the Act:

- (g) matters that must be considered in confidence to ensure that the council does not breach any law, order or direction of a court or tribunal constituted by law, any duty of confidence, or other legal obligation or duty.
- 6.1. Information contained in Item 20.2 Delegation to Award Contract
 - 6.1.1. Is not subject to an existing Confidentiality Order
 - 6.1.2. The grounds utilised to request consideration in confidence is sections 90(3)(b) and (d) of the Act:
 - (b) information the disclosure of which—
 - (i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and
 - (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest
 - (d) commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which—
 - could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and
 - (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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