

Councillor Giles - MoN - Adelaide City Council Community Consultation Policy

Tuesday, 25 February 2025
Council

Council Member
Councillor Janet Giles

Public

Contact Officer:
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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 calls for:

1. An immediate commencement of the review of the Adelaide City Council Community Consultation Policy considering the current policy states it should be reviewed every two years and the last review was due in May 2021.
2. The development of a Community Communications and Engagement Policy and a Community Engagement Charter to ensure our community can be informed and participate more fully in decision making about our City.
3. This work be completed in time for implementation in the last quarter of 2025.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. A State Government Community Engagement Charter is being developed through the South Australian Office of Local Government's 'Local Government Participation and Elections Review'. Consultation on this concluded on 6 June 2024, and to date Administration has not received any update on the progress of the Charter.
2. Pending release of a State Government Community Engagement Charter, Administration has been reviewing the existing City of Adelaide Community Consultation Policy to ensure it is relevant to the current environment.
3. Should Council resolve to support the proposed motion, a formal review and update of the Community Consultation Policy will be conducted. This review will address how the City of Adelaide undertakes community communication and engagement and determine if a City of Adelaide specific Community Engagement Charter is required.
4. Review and development of the new Policy will be workshopped with Council Members.
5. That new Policy will require public consultation. Pending the subsequent release of a Community Engagement Charter by the State Government, this may result in amendments to the new Policy, and a further round of consultation being required.

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	Any revised Policy will require public consultation. Pending subsequent release of a Community Engagement Charter by the State Government, this may result in amendments to the new Policy, and a further round of consultation.
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	Not applicable
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 5.5 hours.

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