

Internal Appointments

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Council

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 11 April 2025, in the matter of *Alexander Hyde v Electoral Commissioner of South Australia, Jing Li, the Court of Disputed Returns* made orders resulting in Jing Li, David Elliott, Carmel Noon and Simon Hou being removed from the office of Councillor of the Central Ward of the City of Adelaide.

Due to the Court Orders these positions, several internal appointments are now vacant. This report seeks to appoint Council Members to the vacant positions of:

- Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee
- Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee
- Deputy Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee
- Deputy Chair of the City Finance and Governance Committee

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Appoints _____ as the Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee from 15 April 2025 until 31 December 2025.
2. Appoints _____ as the Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 15 April 2025 until 31 December 2025.
3. Appoints _____ as the Deputy Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 15 April 2025 until 31 December 2025.
4. Appoints _____ as the Deputy Chair of the City Finance and Governance Committee from 15 April 2025 until 31 December 2025.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation Enable effective governance, risk management, accountability and transparency at all times in decision making.
Policy	Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures and Code of Practice for Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Documents
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Council and its Committees will conduct business in accordance with the relevant provisions of the <i>Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013</i> (SA), the Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures and relevant policies. Pursuant to section 75 of the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i> (SA), Council Members nominated for a presiding member role where there is remuneration applicable must declare a material conflict of interest considering the allowance set by the Remuneration Tribunal and payable to the presiding member. No material conflict of interest applies to the deputy presiding member by reason being nominated as the deputy presiding member, as the Remuneration Tribunal did not provide for an allowance for this role.
Opportunities	Not as a result of this report
24/25 Budget Allocation	The annual allowance for a Council Member is \$31,357.00. If a Councillor is a Presiding Member of a Committee, they receive an additional amount of \$7,839.25 per annum. There is no extra allowance for the Lord Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor for a Presiding Member role.
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

Background

1. Committees may be established by Council pursuant to Section 41 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) to:
 - (a) assist the council in the performance of its functions.
 - (b) inquire into and report to the council on matters within the ambit of the council's responsibilities.
 - (c) provide advice to the council.
 - (d) exercise, perform or discharge delegated powers, functions, or duties.
2. At its meeting on 26 March 2024 Council re-established its four Core Committees (committees to which all Council Members are appointed) for the remainder of the 2022 – 2026 Council Term as listed below.
 - 2.1. City Community Services and Culture Committee, on the first Tuesday of the month, followed by;
 - 2.2. City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee; and
 - 2.3. City Finance and Governance Committee, on the third Tuesday of the month, followed by;
 - 2.4. Infrastructure and Public Works Committee.
3. Council subsequently appointed a Chair and Deputy Chair to each Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 and then repeated this process at its meeting of Council on 25 February 2025, where Council resolved that Council:
 - 3.1. Appoints Councillor Snape as the Chair of the City Community Services and Culture Committee from 1 April 2025 until the conclusion of the Council Term.
 - 3.2. Appoints Councillor Giles as the Deputy Chair of the City Community Services and Culture Committee from 1 April 2025 until the conclusion of the Council Term.
 - 3.3. Appoints Councillor Noon as the Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee from 1 April 2025 until the conclusion of the Council Term.
 - 3.4. Appoints Councillor Martin as the Deputy Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee from 1 April 2025 until the conclusion of the Council Term.
 - 3.5. Appoints Councillor Siebentritt as the Chair of the City Finance and Governance Committee from 1 April 2025 until the conclusion of the Council Term.
 - 3.6. Appoints Councillor Elliott as the Deputy Chair of the City Finance and Governance Committee from 1 April 2025 until the conclusion of the Council Term.
 - 3.7. Appoints Councillor Elliott as the Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 1 April 2025 until the conclusion of the Council Term.
 - 3.8. Appoints Councillor Li as the Deputy Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 1 April 2025 until the conclusion of the Council Term.

Court of Disputed Returns Outcome

4. On 11 April 2025, in the matter of *Alexander Hyde v Electoral Commissioner of South Australia, Jing Li, the Court of Disputed Returns* made orders resulting in Jing Li, David Elliott, Carmel Noon and Simon Hou being removed from the office of Councillor of the Central Ward of the City of Adelaide.
5. In accordance with the decision of the Court, the following positions are now vacant:
 - 5.1. Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee
 - 5.2. Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee
 - 5.3. Deputy Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee
 - 5.4. Deputy Chair of the City Finance and Governance Committee

Chair allowances

6. A Council Member who is a Chair of a Committee is entitled to a total Council Member allowance of \$39,196.25, inclusive of an additional Chair allowance of \$7,839.25 per annum.
7. There is no additional entitlement for the Lord Mayor or the Deputy Lord Mayor if they are appointed to the role of a Committee Chair.

8. Any Council Member (not being the Lord Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor) seeking to be appointed as a Chair of a Committee will need to consider declaring a Material Conflict of Interest and leave the meeting before Council debates or votes on that matter.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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