

# Recommendations of the City Finance and Governance Committee – 15 April 2025

Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation

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**Council**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City Finance and Governance Committee considered the following Items at its meeting held on 15 April 2025 and resolved to present to Council the following recommendations for Council determination:

- Item 7.2 - 2025/2026 Business Plan and Budget - Review of Fees and Charges
- Item 7.3 - 2025/26 Business Plan & Budget - Budget Update
- Item 7.4 - Amendment By-law Implementation Report
- Item 7.5 - Council Members Training and Development Plan

## RECOMMENDATION

### 1. **Recommendation 1** – Item 7.2 - 2025/2026 Business Plan and Budget – Review of Fees and Charges

#### THAT COUNCIL:

1. Adopts the schedule of fees and charges set by Council for the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget as included in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
2. Notes the schedule of fees and charges set by Council under delegation for the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget as included in Attachment B to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
3. Adopts the schedule of fees and charges set by Council for the Adelaide Economic Development Agency for the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget as included in Attachment C to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
4. Notes the schedule of General fees and charges set by Statute included in Attachment D to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025. These fees will be updated in June/July 2025 once gazetted by State Government.
5. Notes the schedule of Commercial Business fees and charges set by Council under delegation for the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget as included in Attachment E to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
6. Notes the base level increase of 3% being applied to most fees and charges reflecting the most recent 2025/26 CPI forecast from the South Australian Centre for Economic Studies (SACES).

### 2. **Recommendation 2** – Item 7.3 - 2025/26 Business Plan & Budget - Budget Update

#### THAT COUNCIL:

1. Endorses the final list of Strategic Projects, Capital Projects (including Renewals), Service changes and operational savings/opportunities for inclusion in the Draft 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget for the purpose of public consultation, as outlined in Attachment A, to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.

2. Endorses the final operating budgets (inclusive of service changes) for inclusion in the Draft 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget for the purpose of public consultation, as outlined within the 'Our Programs and Projects' in Attachment B, to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.

3. **Recommendation 3** – Item 7.4 - Amendment By-law Implementation Report

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the public consultation submissions and recommendations received on the draft Miscellaneous Amendment By-law, City of Adelaide By-law No.10 as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
2. Notes the requirements of the National Competition Policy and the Reports prepared on the National Competition Policy with respect to the Miscellaneous Amendment By-law 2025, City of Adelaide By-law No.10, as contained in Attachment B to Item 7.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
3. Makes the Miscellaneous Amendment By-law 2025, City of Adelaide By-law No.10, as contained in Attachment C to Item 7.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025, pursuant to Section 246 of the Local Government Act 1999 and in exercise of the powers and taking into account the requirement contained in the Legislation Interpretation Act 2021, City of Adelaide Act 1998, and Local Government Act 1999 (SA) and regulations.
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Miscellaneous Amendment By-law 2025, City of Adelaide By-law No.10 as made by Council.
5. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to publish notice of the making of the Miscellaneous Amendment By-law 2025, City of Adelaide By-law No.10 in the Advertiser newspaper.
6. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to arrange for the Miscellaneous Amendment By-law 2025, City of Adelaide By-law No.10 as made by Council to be published in the Government Gazette.
7. Adopts the report to the Legislative Review Committee on the Miscellaneous Amendment By-law 2025, City of Adelaide By-law No.10 as contained in Attachment D to Item 7.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
8. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Legislative Review Committee Report on the Miscellaneous Amendment By-law 2025, City of Adelaide By-law No.10 as contained in Attachment D to Item 7.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025, on behalf of Council.
9. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to arrange for the Miscellaneous Amendment By-law 2025, City of Adelaide By-law No.10 and all other necessary documentation to be provided to the Legislative Review Committee.

4. **Recommendation 4** – Item 7.5 - Council Members Training and Development Plan

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the draft 2025/26 Council Member Training Plan as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
2. Notes that finalisation of the draft 2025/26 Council Member Training Plan as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025, is dependent on the adoption of the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget.

## DISCUSSION

1. The City Finance and Governance Committee met at a meeting of the Committee on Tuesday 15 April 2025. The Agenda with public reports for the meeting can be viewed [here](#).
2. Where the resolution of the Committee differs from the recommendation published in the Committee agenda, the Committee's recommendation to the Council is listed first, with the original recommendation provided in grey and italics.
3. The following matters were the subject of deliberation:

3.1. Item 7.2 – 2025/2026 Business Plan and Budget – Review of Fees and Charges

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL  
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Adopts the schedule of fees and charges set by Council for the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget as included in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
2. Notes the schedule of fees and charges set by Council under delegation for the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget as included in Attachment B to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
3. Adopts the schedule of fees and charges set by Council for the Adelaide Economic Development Agency for the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget as included in Attachment C to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
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5. Notes the schedule of Commercial Business fees and charges set by Council under delegation for the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget as included in Attachment E to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
6. Notes the base level increase of 3% being applied to most fees and charges reflecting the most recent 2025/26 CPI forecast from the South Australian Centre for Economic Studies (SACES).

For ease, Attachments A, B, C, D & E relating to Recommendation 1, Item 7.2, have been included at the end of this recommendation report.

3.2. Item 7.3 – 2025/26 Business Plan & Budget - Budget Update

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THAT COUNCIL:

1. Endorses the final list of Strategic Projects, Capital Projects (including Renewals), Service changes and operational savings/opportunities for inclusion in the Draft 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget for the purpose of public consultation, as outlined in Attachment A, to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
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3.3. Item 7.4 – Amendment By-law Implementation Report

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the public consultation submissions and recommendations received on the draft Miscellaneous Amendment By-law, City of Adelaide By-law No.10 as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
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9. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to arrange for the Miscellaneous Amendment By-law 2025, City of Adelaide By-law No.10 and all other necessary documentation to be provided to the Legislative Review Committee.

For ease, Attachments A, B, C & D relating to Recommendation 3, Item 7.4, have been included at the end of this recommendation report.

3.4. Item 7.5 – Council Members Training and Development Plan

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the draft 2025/26 Council Member Training Plan as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025.
2. Notes that finalisation of the draft 2025/26 Council Member Training Plan as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 15 April 2025, is dependent on the adoption of the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget.

For ease, Attachment A relating to Recommendation 4, Item 7.5, has been included at the end of this recommendation report.

4. The Committee also received a workshop on Proposed fees and charges – 2025/26 Budget and a presentation on AEDA Draft 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget.

# DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Link 1** – City Finance and Governance Committee Agenda

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## ATTACHMENTS

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