

# Recommendations of the City Finance and Governance Committee – 19 August 2025

Tuesday, 19 August 2025  
Council

Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City Finance and Governance Committee considered the following Items at its meeting held on 19 August 2025 and resolved to present to Council the following recommendations for Council determination:

- Item 7.1 – Community Engagement Charter and Community Engagement Policy - Consultation
- Item 7.2 – Q4 2024/25 BP&B Update
- Item 7.3 - Strategic Plan 2024-2028 Year 1 update

## RECOMMENDATION

1. **Recommendation 1** – Item 7.1 - Community Engagement Charter and Community Engagement Policy - Consultation

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the proposed draft City of Adelaide Community Engagement Charter (CoA Charter), as contained in Attachment A and an updated draft City of Adelaide Community Engagement Policy (CoA Policy), as contained in Attachment B, to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 August 2025 for the purpose of community engagement.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary changes, together with any editorial amendments and finalisation of the document's formatting and graphic design, to the draft CoA Charter and draft CoA Policy arising from the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 August 2025 to be presented to the meeting of Council on the 26 August for final adoption for the purposes of community engagement.
3. Endorses Administration undertaking community engagement on the draft CoA Charter and draft CoA Policy for a period of four weeks commencing on 1 September 2025.

2. **Recommendation 2** – Item 7.2 - Q4 2024/25 BP&B Update

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives the City of Adelaide 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget Quarter 4 Update as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 August 2025.
2. Notes the 2024/25 end of year preliminary financial position, which includes:
  - 2.1. Total operating revenue of \$243.168m (\$240.099m estimated in Q3)
  - 2.2. Total operating expenses (including depreciation) of \$231.033m (\$230.732m estimated in Q3)
  - 2.3. An operating surplus of \$12.135m (\$9.367m estimated in Q3)

2.4. Total Capital Expenditure of \$101.127m (\$112.909m estimated in Q3)

2.5. Net cash borrowings of \$22.043m, made up of borrowings of \$23.820m offset by \$1.777m cash held in bank accounts (\$30.739m borrowings estimated in Q3).

3. Notes results presented are estimates only and subject to completion of the external audit.
4. Receives the Council Subsidiary Quarter 4 updates as contained as Attachments B, C, and D to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 August 2025.
5. Notes the audited annual financial statements will be presented to the Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 24 September 2025.
6. Notes the audited financial statements will be presented to the City Finance and Governance Committee at its meeting scheduled for 21 October 2025 and the Council at its meeting scheduled for 28 October 2025.

3. **Recommendation 3** – Item 7.3 - Strategic Plan 2024-2028 Year 1 update

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Year 1 Update on the Strategic Plan 2024 – 2028 as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 August 2025.
2. Adopts amendments to the Strategic Plan 2024 – 2028 as per Table 1 of the 'Strategic Plan 2024-2028 Year 1 update' report as Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 August 2025.
3. Approves the CEO to make adjustments in line with the approved amendments, to the Strategic Plan 2024-2028 and relevant subordinate Strategies, and amend these on Council's public website.

## DISCUSSION

1. The City Finance and Governance Committee met at a meeting of the Committee on Tuesday 19 August 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 7.1 – Community Engagement Charter and Community Engagement Policy - Consultation

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3. Endorses Administration undertaking community engagement on the draft CoA Charter and draft CoA Policy for a period of four weeks commencing on 1 September 2025.

For ease, Attachments A & B relating to Recommendation 1, Item 7.1, have been included at the end of this recommendation report.

3.2. Item 7.2 – Q4 2024/25 BP&B Update

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For ease, Attachments A, B, C & D relating to Recommendation 2, Item 7.2, have been included at the end of this recommendation report.

3.3. Item 7.3 – Strategic Plan 2024-2028 Year 1 update

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the Year 1 Update on the Strategic Plan 2024 – 2028 as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 August 2025.
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For ease, Attachment A relating to Recommendation 3, Item 7.3, has been included at the end of this recommendation report.

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## DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

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## ATTACHMENTS

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