

External Appointment

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Council

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek appointment of a City of Adelaide representative on the Royal South Australia Regiment Council Inc.

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, multiple external appointments became vacant.

At its meeting held on 23 September 2025, Council made appointments to vacant positions aside from the position available on the Royal South Australia Regiment Council Inc, which was deferred to the 28 October 2025 Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes that the term of appointment for the Royal South Australia Regiment Council Inc will be from 29 October 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.
2. Notes that the method of appointing Council Members to the Royal South Australia Regiment Council Inc will be undertaken in accordance with the Code of Practice for Council Meeting Procedures as follows:
 - 2.1. The Presiding Member of the Meeting will call for nominations, which must be accepted or declined by the Council Member who is subject of the nomination.
 - 2.2. The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer is authorised to declare the successful candidate appointed to an External Appointment.
 - 2.3. In the event of only one nomination to the office, the candidate is appointed to the External Appointment, announced by the Returning Officer.
 - 2.4. In the event of there being more nominations than required, an election by voting ballot of Council Members present will be undertaken.
 - 2.5. If the votes for two or more candidates for the relevant position are equal, a revote by ballot between tied candidates will be undertaken.
 - 2.6. If the votes for two or more candidates for the position remain equal, lots must be drawn to determine which candidate or candidates will be excluded.
 - 2.7. The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer is authorised to declare the successful candidate appointed to the External Appointment.

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	Not as a result of this report
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Members considering nominating for an appointment should note that, as Board Members, they will need to consider how to manage future conflicts of interest that arise from Council decisions relating to that body.
Opportunities	Appointments to outside bodies provide an opportunity for Council Members to contribute to discussion and decision making on a broad range of matters relevant to the City of Adelaide.
25/26 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 26/27 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
25/26 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

Court of Disputed Returns Outcome

1. 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.
2. In accordance with the decision of the Court, the following external Council Representative positions became vacant:
 - 2.1. Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee (Member and Proxy Member)
 - 2.2. Adelaide Botanic High School Council
 - 2.3. Adelaide High School Governing Council
 - 2.4. Australia Day Council of South Australia
 - 2.5. Business Events Adelaide Board (Member and Proxy Member)
 - 2.6. Royal South Australia Regiment Council Inc
 - 2.7. Capital City Committee (Deputy Member)

Royal South Australia Regiment Council Inc

3. At its meeting held on 24 September 2025, Council appointed representatives to all positions contained in part 2 above, except for the Royal South Australia Regiment Council Inc.
4. Appointment of a representative to the Royal South Australia Regiment Council Inc was deferred:
“That Council defers the appointment of a Council Member to the representative role on the Royal South Australia Regiment Council Inc to the Council meeting of 28 October 2025 and asks administration to provide coverage where possible for meetings held before 28 October 2025.”
5. The role of the Royal South Australia Regiment Council Inc is to look after the heritage of the various South Australian infantry battalions and to support the current day 10/27 Royal South Australia Regiment.
6. The Council meets four times per year. Meetings are generally held at Keswick Barracks on a Thursday commencing 6.00 pm and run for up to 1.5 hours.
7. The appointment of one representative is sought.
8. No remuneration is payable for the position.

Process for nomination and appointment

9. In accordance with section 51 (8) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and the Code of Practice for Council Meeting Procedures (Ballot Process):
 - 9.1. The Presiding Member of the Meeting will call for nominations, which must be accepted or declined by the Council Member who is subject of the nomination.
 - 9.2. The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer is authorised to declare the successful candidate appointed to an External Appointment.
 - 9.3. In the event of only one nomination to the office, the candidate is appointed to the External Appointment, announced by the Returning Officer.
 - 9.4. In the event of there being more nominations than required, an election by voting ballot of Council Members present will be undertaken.
 - 9.5. If the votes for two or more candidates for the relevant position are equal, a revote by ballot between tied candidates will be undertaken.
 - 9.6. If the votes for two or more candidates for the position remain equal, lots must be drawn to determine which candidate or candidates will be excluded.
 - 9.7. The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer is authorised to declare the successful candidate appointed to the External Appointment.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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