

# Councillor Abrahamzadeh - MoN - SAPOL communication re an Elected Member

Tuesday, 10 March 2026  
Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Arman Abrahamzadeh

Public

**Contact Officer:**  
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating  
Officer

## MOTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Arman Abrahamzadeh will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:**

'That Council:

1. Notes recent public reporting indicating that SAPOL contacted the City of Adelaide a regarding matter(s) involving an elected member which highlights serious issues regarding governance integrity and public confidence in the City of Adelaide;
2. In the interest of maintaining integrity, transparency and responsible stewardship of ratepayer funds, requests that the CEO provide a report outlining:
  - a) a summary of the framework applied when communications are received from law enforcement agencies concerning elected members, including any risk assessment or escalation process undertaken;
  - b) confirmation of whether the abovementioned framework was followed in this instance;
  - c) whether any Council resources, including email, devices, staff time or Council-funded facilities, were utilised in relation to the matter referenced in recent media reporting, and confirmation of compliance with relevant Council policies;
  - d) whether the elected member was attending an event in any official capacity or representing the Lord Mayor in relation to the matter referenced in recent media reporting;
  - e) the total administrative costs incurred by Council in relation to this matter to date, including but not limited to:
    - i. internal staff time;
    - ii. external legal advice, review, advisory or any other service.
3. Requests that this report be presented publicly to Council at the 24 March 2026 Council meeting.'

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## ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. Should Council resolve to support the proposed motion, a report will be prepared for the Council meeting on 24 March 2026 and would be recommended to be considered in confidence, given the personal nature of the matters involved.
2. However, the provision of such a report must take into account the fact that the matter concerns allegations, the truth of which has not been established by judicial process (which are between the Council Member and SAPOL), and which the Ombudsman has confirmed are not appropriate to be publicly released under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*.

3. In the circumstances, it is recommended legal advice be sought prior to any report being presented to Council.

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	Not applicable
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Further legal advice is recommended to ensure principles of procedural fairness and natural justice are considered.
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	Approximately 5 hours
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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