

Recommendations of the City Finance and Governance Committee – 21 April 2026

Tuesday, 28 April 2026
Council

Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation

Public

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City Finance and Governance Committee considered the following Items at its meeting held on 21 April 2026 and resolved to present to Council the following recommendations for Council determination:

- Item 7.1 – Outdoor Dining Report
- Item 7.2 – Draft 2026/27 Business Plan & Budget - Operating Budget
- Item 7.3 - 2025/26 Q4 Quarterly Forward Procurement Report

RECOMMENDATION

1. **Recommendation 1** – Item 7.1 - Outdoor Dining Report

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the report and intention to alter the Outdoor Dining Guidelines to offer multi-year permits from 1 September 2026.
2. Approves the following changes to the 2026/27 outdoor dining fees as part of the draft 2026/27 Annual Business Plan and Budget:
 - 2.1. Removal of the 'Transfer of Permit' fee, currently \$131.50 per permit.
 - 2.2. Offering the first 12 months as fee-free for outdoor dining in new locations, or locations that have not had outdoor dining in place for more than 12 months.
 - 2.3. Offering the first 12 months as fee-free to all businesses with fixed furniture including screens, that transition to moveable furniture, consistent with the outdoor dining transition policy.

2. **Recommendation 2** – Item 7.2 - Draft 2026/27 Business Plan & Budget - Operating Budget

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes Administration's responses to the list of further budget savings suggested since the 23 May 2026 CEO Briefing, outlined in Attachment A of Item 7.2, on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 April 2026.
2. Endorses the annual priorities, as outlined within the 'Our Strategies and Plans' in Attachment B of Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 April 2026, for the development of the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget for the purpose of public consultation.
3. Endorses the operating budgets and program plans (inclusive of service changes) and Strategic Projects, as outlined within the 'Our Programs and Projects' in Attachment B of Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 April 2026, for

the development of the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget for the purpose of public consultation.

3. **Recommendation 3** – Item 7.3 - 2025/26 Q4 Quarterly Forward Procurement Report

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the procurement activity set out in Attachment A to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 April 2026, which will be released to the market during Quarter 4 of the 2025/26 financial year.

DISCUSSION

1. The City Finance and Governance Committee met at a meeting of the Committee on Tuesday 21 April 2026. 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 – Outdoor Dining Report

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the report and intention to alter the Outdoor Dining Guidelines to offer multi-year permits from 1 September 2026.
2. Approves the following changes to the 2026/27 outdoor dining fees as part of the draft 2026/27 Annual Business Plan and Budget:
 - 2.1. Removal of the 'Transfer of Permit' fee, currently \$131.50 per permit.
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 - 2.3. Offering the first 12 months as fee-free to all businesses with fixed furniture including screens, that transition to moveable furniture, consistent with the outdoor dining transition policy.

Original Recommendation as Printed in the CFG Committee Agenda

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL:

1. *Notes the report and intention to alter the Outdoor Dining Guidelines to offer multi-year permits from 1 September 2026.*
2. *Approves the following changes to the 2026/27 outdoor dining fees as part of the draft 2026/27 Annual Business Plan and Budget:*
 - 2.1. *Removal of the 'Transfer of Permit' fee, currently \$131.50 per permit.*
 - 2.2. *Offering the first 12 months as fee-free for outdoor dining in new locations, or locations that have not had outdoor dining in place for more than 12 months.*
 - 2.3. *Discounting the fee rate for businesses located in lower pedestrian areas to 50% of the standard outdoor dining rate, using the existing zoning boundaries.*

3.2. Item 7.2 – Draft 2026/27 Business Plan & Budget - Operating Budget

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes Administration's responses to the list of further budget savings suggested since the 23 May 2026 CEO Briefing, outlined in Attachment A of Item 7.2, on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 April 2026.
2. Endorses the annual priorities, as outlined within the 'Our Strategies and Plans' in Attachment B of Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 April 2026, for the development of the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget for the purpose of public consultation.
3. Endorses the operating budgets and program plans (inclusive of service changes) and Strategic Projects, as outlined within the 'Our Programs and Projects' in Attachment B of Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 April 2026, for the development of the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget for the purpose of public consultation.

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

3.2. Item 7.3 – 2025/26 Q4 Quarterly Forward Procurement Report

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

1. Notes the procurement activity set out in Attachment A to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 April 2026, which will be released to the market during Quarter 4 of the 2025/26 financial year.

For ease, Attachments A, relating to Recommendation 3, Item 7.3, have been included at the end of this recommendation report.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – City Finance and Governance Committee Agenda

ATTACHMENTS

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