

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon - MoN - Precinct Review and Strategic Planning Funding

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Council

Council Member
Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor
Carmel Noon

Public

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MOTION ON NOTICE

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Carmel Noon will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

'That Council:

1. Notes that Council resolved to increase funding for each of the City of Adelaide Precinct Groups to \$40,000 for the 2026/27 financial year.
2. Notes that Council also resolved to commence the strategic planning process for the Precincts prior to the end of the 2026/27 financial year.
3. Notes the importance of ensuring that Precinct Groups are able to use their allocated \$40,000 funding to support local precinct activity, engagement, events, communication and initiatives that benefit their communities and main streets.
4. Requests that the Administration ensure that any costs associated with the Precinct strategic planning process, including facilitation, consultation, preparation of plans or related strategic planning support, are funded separately by Council and are not deducted from the \$40,000 funding allocation provided to each Precinct Group for the 2026/27 financial year.
5. Requests that this funding approach be clearly communicated to all Precinct Groups as part of the Precinct Review and 2026/27 funding arrangements.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. Council's 27 January 2026 decision to provide \$40,000 to each of the seven currently funded Precinct Groups in 2026/27 was made in the context of Council commentary which emphasised the importance of strategic planning for the precincts and Precinct Groups. Hence funding has been identified to support such planning from within each \$40,000 allocation.
2. If Council resolves to fund such strategic planning processes separate from the \$40,000 allocation per Precinct Group, an additional source of funding will need to be identified.
3. The precinct funding model Council adopted on 27 January 2026 included a contestable funding pool supporting precinct activation and economic development activity for allocation in 2026/27. Council resolved to reduce the contestable pool from a proposed \$400,000 to \$330,000 to fund an additional \$10,000 core funding per precinct group over and above the \$30,000 per group proposed.
4. A further \$140,000 contestable funding was left unassigned in the adopted model, but presumably is intended to support projects administered by Place Partners in the new precinct support model. This has yet to be determined.

5. In the interim until contestable funding guidelines and processes are in place, the Administration had intended to support the same level of precinct activation in 2026/27 (outside the \$280,000 direct funding of Precinct Groups) as per the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget, namely:
 - 5.1. West End precinct - \$53,000
 - 5.2. East End Unleashed - \$250,000
 - 5.3. Gouger Street precinct - \$53,000
 - 5.4. Hutt Street precinct - \$81,000
 - 5.5. North Adelaide precinct - \$109,000
6. If the contestable pool funding was to be used to fund strategic planning activities these activation budgets would necessarily require adjustment.
7. If Council resolves to fund the strategic planning component separately from the total \$280,000 allocated for Precinct Groups, without impacting other City of Adelaide service allocations, it could be sourced from either of the contestable pools described above. This would effectively rebalance the use of these funds further towards strategic planning than direct economic development activity.
8. The grant allocation process has already commenced for the \$40,000 to each Precinct Group (including advice that \$10,000 will be kept aside for precinct group involvement in strategic planning). Should Council resolve to support the proposed motion, immediate communications with the Precinct Groups via AEDA will be required and possible alteration to the application documentation to ensure good grant allocation governance is maintained.

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	Immediate communications with the Precinct Groups via AEDA will be required and possible alteration to the application documentation to ensure good grant allocation governance is maintained.
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Immediate communications with the Precinct Groups via AEDA will be required and possible alteration to the application documentation to ensure good grant allocation governance is maintained.
Budget reallocation	Not applicable
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Liaison with Precinct Groups, and alteration to the application documentation may be required to ensure good grant allocation governance is maintained. Estimate 6 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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