

# Councillor Cabada - MoN - 24-Hour City Safety Patrol Pilot Program

Tuesday, 14 July 2026  
Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Alfredo Cabada

Public

**Contact Officer:**  
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## MOTION ON NOTICE

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

'That Council:

1. Notes the importance of maintaining the City of Adelaide and North Adelaide as safe, welcoming and well-managed places for residents, workers, businesses, students, visitors and tourists.
2. Notes ongoing concerns regarding public safety, antisocial behaviour, intoxication, vandalism, property damage and perceptions of safety within parts of the CBD and North Adelaide, including during night-time and early morning periods.
3. Supports the establishment of a 12-month, 24-hour City Safety Patrol Pilot Program.
4. Requests that Administration prepare a report to Council by 18 August 2026 outlining the cost and funding options.
5. Confirms that the role of the City Safety Patrol would be to provide a visible presence, observe and report issues, assist the public where appropriate, support de-escalation where safe, identify vandalism or damage to public assets, and contact SAPOL, emergency services or relevant support services where incidents arise.
6. Requests that the report consider whether the pilot program could be funded through the 2026/27 Quarter 2 Budget Review or another appropriate budget process.
7. Requests that, if implemented, the pilot program be reviewed after six months and reported back to Council with outcomes, costs, issues identified and recommendations regarding continuation, expansion or amendment.'

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## ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. The City of Adelaide currently offers a 24/7 community response via an after-hours service where a trained Community Safety Officer (CSO) is rostered to receive phone calls and attend to requests from the community if required.
2. Enforcement powers available to the CSO are limited to Council by-laws, permit conditions and certain Acts.
3. CSOs do not have the power to address antisocial behaviour, illegal activity, or to physically move/remove people from a location. In those instances, the Administration reports concerns to SA Police (SAPOL) for response.
4. On 2 July 2026 SAPOL announced an increase in resourcing for the CBD Police Precinct ([Link 1](#)).
5. A Chief Executive Officer Briefing has been scheduled on Tuesday, 28 July 2026, from 4:30 pm to 5.15 pm for SAPOL to brief Council Members on the new CBD Police Precinct.
6. This information was shared with Council Members via E-news published on 3 July 2026.

7. Investigation of establishing a 12-month, 24-hour City Safety Patrol Pilot Program will require, as a minimum:
  - 7.1. Engagement with SAPOL and other support services.
  - 7.2. Engagement with other capital cities that have trialled similar initiatives.
  - 7.3. Assessment of Industrial Relations implications (including costs) associated with work outside of the 'ordinary hours of work' as defined within the relevant Enterprise Agreement.
  - 7.4. Clearly defined roles and Work, Health and Safety protocols.
  - 7.5. Key performance indicators to determine the impact of any trial.
  - 7.6. Cost associated with delivery of a 12-month 24-hour City Safety Patrol Pilot Program.
  - 7.7. Risk assessment.
8. Similar initiatives in other Australian capital cities, such as the City of Melbourne response, as publicly reported, is a \$4.0M investment, of which \$1.7M is towards an increase of community safety officers and significant increases to CCTV camera provision.
9. Should the intent of this motion be supported, the August 2026 timeframe to prepare a reporting outlining cost and funding options is not achievable because the development of a pilot project is complex and will require significant planning and investment.
10. Should Council resolve to support the proposed motion, a report will be prepared for the Council meeting in January 2027.

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| Should the motion be supported by Council, 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                                                                                                                                                                      | South Australia Police (SAPOL), and Department of Human Services (DHS)                                                                                                                     |
| Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)                                                                                                                                                  | Assessment of Industrial Relations implications and different workforce models.                                                                                                            |
| Impacts on existing projects                                                                                                                                                                    | Not applicable                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Budget reallocation                                                                                                                                                                             | Should the motion be supported by Council, significant budget reallocation will be required. It is estimated to be over \$1 million for a 2-person, 24-hour-a-day, 12-month pilot program. |
| Capital investment                                                                                                                                                                              | Not applicable                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion                                                                                                                           | Approximately 200 hours of staff time will be required to prepare the report.                                                                                                              |
| 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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