

Review of Council Delegations

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

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**City Finance and Governance
Committee**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the updated delegations.

Council may delegate its statutory powers and functions pursuant to section 44 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) (the Act) as well as powers of delegation under other legislation.

A review of the delegations of Council's powers and functions has recently been undertaken as a result of changes to legislation.

Delegations enable Council to authorise officers, subsidiaries or other bodies to perform functions or exercise powers on its behalf, thereby enhancing decision-making efficiency and allowing routine matters to be managed by Administration. Notwithstanding this, Council retains the authority to exercise its powers in any matter. This review also encompasses delegations made to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency (AEDA).

City of Adelaide utilises the delegations framework developed by the Local Government Association of South Australian (LGA). This sector-wide framework supports member councils in maintaining sound governance practices and meeting regulatory requirements. The LGA works closely with its legal partners to deliver a consistent, quality assured suite of resources that mitigate risk and delivers efficiencies in both time and cost for councils.

RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 28 July 2026 for consideration

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Resolves to grant the delegation of powers and functions of the Council as provided for in the attached instrument of delegation (Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 July 2026).

Such powers may be further delegated by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with section 44 and 101 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) as the Chief Executive Officer sees fit, unless indicated herein or in the Schedule of conditions contained in each proposed Instrument of Delegation.

Adelaide Economic Development Agency

2. Resolves to grant the delegation of powers and functions as provided for in the attached instrument of delegation (Attachment B to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 July 2026), exercising the powers contained in section 44 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency subject to the conditions and/or limitations, if any, specified herein or in the proposed instrument of Delegation.

Road Traffic Act 1961 (SA) General Approval

3. Resolves to grant the sub-delegation of powers under the *Road Traffic Act 1961* (SA) as provided for in the attached instrument of delegation (Attachment C to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 July 2026)
 4. Approves in accordance with the Instrument of General Approval and Delegation to Council (dated 22 August 2013) from the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure (General Approval), the following person(s) pursuant to Clause A.7 of the General Approval to endorse Traffic Impact Statements for the purposes of Clause A of the General Approval provided that such person(s) shall take into account the matters specified in Clause A.7 of the General Approval in respect of Traffic Impact Statements:
 - 4.1. Justine Austin
 - 4.2. Penelope Bennett
 - 4.3. Sean Howie
 - 4.4. Amber Barnes
 5. Approves, in accordance with Clause A.7 of the General Approval, that the Council is of the opinion that the following person(s) is/are experienced traffic engineering practitioner(s) for the purposes of preparing a Traffic Impact Statement as required by Clause A.7 of the General Approval:
 - 5.1. Justine Austin
 - 5.2. Jarrod Armitage
 - 5.3. Amber Barnes
 - 5.4. Penelope Bennett
 - 5.5. Christian Bias
 - 5.6. Sean Howie
 - 5.7. Darren Mitchell
 - 5.8. Amy Smith
 6. Approves, in accordance with Clause A.7 of the General Approval, that the Council is of the opinion that the following person(s) is/are experienced traffic engineering practitioner(s) for the purposes of preparing a Traffic Impact Statement as required by Clause A.7 of the General Approval (Limited to the install, removal and maintenance of On-Street parking):
 - 6.1. Aaron Barnes
 - 6.2. Shaun Coulls
 7. Approves In accordance with Clause E.2 of the General Approval, the Council is of the opinion that the following person(s) has (have) an appropriate level of knowledge and expertise in the preparation of Traffic Management Plans:
 - 7.1. Justine Austin
 - 7.2. Jarrod Armitage
 - 7.3. Amber Barnes
 - 7.4. Penelope Bennett
 - 7.5. Christian Bias
 - 7.6. Sean Howie
 - 7.7. Darren Mitchell
 - 7.8. Amy Smith
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation
Policy	Not as a result of this report
Consultation	Each Program across the City of Adelaide has been consulted with to ensure the appropriate sub-delegations will be in place following the delegation of the powers and functions contained in the Attachments to this report.
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Without the appropriate delegations, sub-delegations and authorisations in place, the decisions of Council Officers may be subject to legal challenge. Additionally, if Council does not delegate its statutory powers and functions, all matters would be required to be brought before Council for resolution. As required by the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i> (SA) the next review of the Council delegations will take place within 12 months after the conclusion of the periodic election.
Opportunities	Delegations enable staff to perform the many functions required in the management of day to day activities of their roles to ensure efficient and effective service is provided to our community.
26/27 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 27/28 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
26/27 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

1. Section 44 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) (the Act) provides that the Council's powers, functions and duties under the Act and any other Act, may be delegated by the Council to a Council Committee, a Subsidiary of the Council, an employee of the Council, or an employee of the Council occupying a particular office or position.
2. Council retains the authority to exercise its powers in any matter, and when it does so the delegate should not act or exercise any delegated power or function. In addition, all delegations of the Council can be revoked at will and do not, except in limited circumstances, prevent the Council from exercising its powers in a matter.
3. A delegation must be clear, certain and specific and it is for this reason that purported blanket delegations of "all the powers and function under this Act hereby delegated to..." will not withstand legal scrutiny. All delegations should set out the specific power, by reference to the section in the Act which is being delegated.
4. City of Adelaide adopts the instruments of delegation which contain the specific powers and functions of the legislation, prepared for the Local Government Association (LGA), for use by member councils.
5. Where an Act provides an express power of delegation then any delegation made under that Act should be made pursuant to that express power of delegation rather than section 44 of the Act. The following Acts contain express provisions for the delegation of powers and duties:
 - 5.1. *Food Act 2001* (SA)
 - 5.2. *Supported Residential Facilities Act 1992*; *Supported Residential Facilities Regulations 2009* (SA), and
 - 5.3. *Heavy Vehicle National Law* (schedule to the *Heavy Vehicle National Law (South Australia) Act 2013* (SA))
6. Section 44 of the Act also requires that Council must have a recorded list of all delegated functions and powers. The recorded list must be made available to the public, pursuant to Schedule 5 of the Act.
7. This review of the instrument of delegation recognises changes made to relevant legislation, and the introduction of new legislation, since the last review. Typographical changes have also been made.
8. It is important to note that the powers and functions may be further delegated by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in accordance with section 44 and 101 of the Act as the CEO sees fit, unless indicated.
9. The instrument of delegation identifies:
 - 9.1. The statutory power or powers to delegate the powers or functions subject to the instrument of delegation.
 - 9.2. The statutory basis for any power to sub-delegate a delegated power or function.
 - 9.3. The conditions and limitations applying to the exercise of a delegated power or function.
 - 9.4. The identity of the delegate or delegate in respect of that power or function.
10. The Minister for Transport and Infrastructure granted delegations to the Council under the Instrument of General Approval and Delegation (dated 22 August 2013) (General Approval). The General Approval permits the Council to:
 - 10.1. Sub-delegate the powers under section 33(1) of the *Road Traffic Act 1961* (SA); and
 - 10.2. Authorise employees of the Council to exercise the powers under sections 17 and 20 of the *Road Traffic Act 1961* (SA).
11. An instrument of sub-delegation and an instrument of authorisation are attached as Attachment C. The General Approval requires that the Council's decision to grant an authorisation be recorded in a written instrument signed by the CEO on behalf of the Council.
12. If the Council resolves to grant the delegations provided for in the attached instruments of delegation, then previous delegations of the powers and functions subject to the instrument of delegation will be revoked from the date on which the delegations in the attached instrument of delegation come into operation.
13. A summary of changes from the previous version of the instruments, granted by Council can be found in [Link 1](#).

Next Steps

14. The updated register will be available on the City of Adelaide website, and the next fulsome review will be conducted within 12 months of the general election.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – Summary of changes to Delegation document – [ACC2026/73499](#)

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Delegations to the Chief Executive Officer

Attachment B - Delegations to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency

Attachment C – Minister of Transport Notice of General Approval

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