

Recommendations of the City Finance and Governance Committee – 18 August 2026

**Tuesday, 25 August 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 18 August 2026 and resolved to present to Council the following recommendations for Council determination:

- Item 7.1 - 2025/26 Business Plan & Budget: Q4 Update
- Item 7.2 – 2026/27 to 2035/36 Long Term Financial Plan - Draft for Public Consultation
- Item 7.3 - Draft Community Engagement Policy

RECOMMENDATION

1. **Recommendation 1** – Item 7.1 - 2025/26 Business Plan & Budget: Q4 Update

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives the City of Adelaide 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget Quarter 4 Update as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 18 August 2026.
2. Receives the Council Subsidiary Quarter 4 updates as contained as Attachments B, C, and D to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 18 August 2026.
3. Notes results presented are estimates only and subject to completion of the external audit.
4. Notes the audited annual financial statements will be presented to the Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 23 September 2026.
5. Notes the audited financial statements will be presented to the City Finance and Governance Committee at its meeting scheduled for 20 October 2026 and the Council at its meeting scheduled for 27 October 2026.

2. **Recommendation 2** – Item 7.2 - 2026/27 to 2035/36 Long Term Financial Plan - Draft for Public Consultation

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approves the Draft 2026/27 - 2035/36 Long Term Financial Plan contained in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee on 18 August 2026, for the purpose of public consultation.
2. Notes the long term financial sustainability of the Draft 2026/27 - 2035/36 Long Term Financial Plan based on the adopted assumptions.
3. Approves a 21 day Public consultation period in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 (SA), commencing at 9:00am on Wednesday 26 August 2026 and concluding 11:59pm on Tuesday 15 September 2026.

4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary changes to the Draft 2026-36 Long Term Financial Plan document arising from this meeting, together with any editorial amendments and finalisation of the document's formatting and graphic design.

3. **Recommendation 3** – Item 7.3 - Draft Community Engagement Policy

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the feedback received on the draft Community Engagement Policy as contained in Attachment B to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 18 August 2026.
2. Adopts the Community Engagement Policy contained in Attachment A to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 18 August 2026 and rescinds the 25 November 2025 Community Engagement Policy.

DISCUSSION

1. The City Finance and Governance Committee met at a meeting of the Committee on Tuesday 18 August 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 – 2025/26 Business Plan & Budget: Q4 Update

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives the City of Adelaide 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget Quarter 4 Update as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 18 August 2026.
2. Receives the Council Subsidiary Quarter 4 updates as contained as Attachments B, C, and D to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 18 August 2026.
3. Notes results presented are estimates only and subject to completion of the external audit.
4. Notes the audited annual financial statements will be presented to the Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 23 September 2026.
5. Notes the audited financial statements will be presented to the City Finance and Governance Committee at its meeting scheduled for 20 October 2026 and the Council at its meeting scheduled for 27 October 2026.

For ease, Attachments A, B, C, D & E relating to Recommendation 1, Item 7.1, have been included at the end of this recommendation report.

3.2. Item 7.2 – 2026/27 to 2035/36 Long Term Financial Plan - Draft for Public

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approves the Draft 2026/27 - 2035/36 Long Term Financial Plan contained in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee on 18 August 2026, for the purpose of public consultation.
2. Notes the long term financial sustainability of the Draft 2026/27 - 2035/36 Long Term Financial Plan based on the adopted assumptions.
3. Approves a 21 day Public consultation period in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 (SA), commencing at 9:00am on Wednesday 26 August 2026 and concluding 11:59pm on Tuesday 15 September 2026.
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary changes to the Draft 2026-36 Long Term Financial Plan document arising from this meeting, together with any editorial amendments and finalisation of the document's formatting and graphic design.

For ease, Attachment A relating to Recommendation 2, Item 7.2, has been included at the end of this recommendation report.

3.3. Item 7.3 – Draft Community Engagement Policy

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the feedback received on the draft Community Engagement Policy as contained in Attachment B to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 18 August 2026.
2. Adopts the Community Engagement Policy contained in Attachment A to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 18 August 2026 and rescinds the 25 November 2025 Community Engagement Policy.

For ease, Attachments A & B 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

Recommendation 1, Item 7.1 - Attachments A, B, C, D & E

Recommendation 2, Item 7.2 - Attachment A

Recommendation 3, Item 7.3 - Attachments A & B

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