

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon - MoN - Night-Time Safety Infrastructure

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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 current and future Mainstreet and public realm upgrades provide a timely opportunity to consider safety infrastructure, including lighting, CCTV coverage and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles, as part of project planning and delivery wherever appropriate.
2. Requests Administration prepare a report on lighting informed by:
 - 2.1. current and planned Mainstreet and public realm projects;
 - 2.2. any existing Council safety and CPTED assessments; and
 - 2.3. relevant safety and security audits, walk-arounds, forums, workshops or reports undertaken by City precinct associations.
3. Requests that the report highlight:
 - 3.1. inadequate, non-operational or poorly positioned lighting;
 - 3.2. priority laneways, transport areas, late-night precincts and other identified safety hotspots;
 - 3.3. issues and recommendations already identified through precinct-led safety and security work; and
 - 3.4. existing asset plans and opportunities to incorporate improved lighting into planned infrastructure and Mainstreet works where practicable.
4. Requests the report back to Council by November 2026 to incorporate improvements into planned Mainstreet and public realm works, opportunities for State Government or other co-funding, and any matters requiring consideration as part of the 2027/28 Business Plan and Budget process.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. The City of Adelaide has been conducting late night safety audits with the support of South Australia Police (SAPOL) in the city and North Adelaide since 2004. These audits look to understand people's perceptions of safety in the public realm.
2. The West End Late Night Safety Audit, which is conducted every two years, is the longest-running continuous audit with the last audit completed in March 2026. Insights from this audit could be used to inform a report on lighting infrastructure.
3. Of the seven Precinct Groups in the city and North Adelaide, it is unknown if all Groups have undertaken any relevant safety and security audits or walks in the last 12 months. To support a report on lighting, Administration will contact each Group to gather any recent and relevant information.

4. The City of Adelaide undertakes targeted on-site lighting audits and assessments as required.
5. CCTV coverage is determined in partnership with SAPOL. All requests for new public CCTV cameras are provided to the CCTV Strategic Group, which consists of senior employees from the City of Adelaide and SAPOL, for review based upon SAPOL evidence and prioritisation. Information relating to CCTV systems is confidential and subject to restricted access.
6. Improvement in safety outcomes and compliance with the current standards and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), including public lighting is a key consideration for all Main Street and public realm upgrades and renewals.
7. City Operations has processes in place to respond to customer requests for maintenance, for example - where lights are not working or dim and are addressed in a timely manner to improve public lighting outcomes. Furthermore, City Horticulture are engaged where improvements to light spill will result from minor tree trimming works to remove light obstructions.
8. Should Council resolve to support the proposed motion, a report will be prepared and presented to Council in December 2026.

Should the proposed 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	Consultation with Precinct Groups.
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable
Budget reallocation	Not applicable. Any priority initiatives identified would be considered through the 2027/28 Business Plan and Budget process.
Capital investment	Dependent on the outcomes and recommendations from the report.
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Approximately 40 hours of staff time will be required to engage with Precinct Groups and prepare the report requested in the motion.
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 12.5 hours.

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