

Recommendation of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee – 6 October 2026

Tuesday, 13 October 2026
Council

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee considered the following Item at its meeting held on 6 October 2026 and resolved to present to Council the following recommendation for Council determination:

- Item 7.1 – Tree Management Policy

RECOMMENDATION

1. **Recommendation 1** – Item 7.1 - Tree Management Policy

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approves the updated Tree Management Policy, as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee, held on 6 October 2026.
2. Retains the Park Land Olive Management Plan and seeks further advice on a strategic and improved Park Land Olive Management Plan and options for funding.
3. Notes that the updated Policy provides the overarching framework for the management of the City of Adelaide's urban forest and is supported by operational documents including the Tree Operating Guideline, as contained in Attachment C and Tree Risk Assessment Protocol as contained in Attachment D to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee, held on 6 October 2026.
4. Notes that the updated Tree Management Policy will support the City of Adelaide's strategic objective of achieving 40% tree canopy cover by 2035 through continued tree planting, replacement of trees removed for reasons such as replacement due to end of life, protection of existing trees and identification of additional planting opportunities.
5. Notes that the Tree Management Policy will be reviewed every four years, or earlier where legislative or operational change requires review, with the next scheduled review in 2030.

DISCUSSION

1. The City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee met on Tuesday, 6 October 2026. The Agenda with reports for the public component of 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 is in grey and italics.
3. The following matter was the subject of deliberation.

3.1. Item 7.1 - Tree Management Policy

THAT THE CITY PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the updated Tree Management Policy, as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee, held on 6 October 2026.
2. Retains the Park Land Olive Management Plan and seeks further advice on a strategic and improved Park Land Olive Management Plan and options for funding.
3. Notes that the updated Policy provides the overarching framework for the management of the City of Adelaide's urban forest and is supported by operational documents including the Tree Operating Guideline, as contained in Attachment C and Tree Risk Assessment Protocol as contained in Attachment D to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee, held on 6 October 2026.
4. Notes that the updated Tree Management Policy will support the City of Adelaide's strategic objective of achieving 40% tree canopy cover by 2035 through continued tree planting, replacement of trees removed for reasons such as replacement due to end of life, protection of existing trees and identification of additional planting opportunities.
5. Notes that the Tree Management Policy will be reviewed every four years, or earlier where legislative or operational change requires review, with the next scheduled review in 2030.

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

THAT THE CITY PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

THAT COUNCIL

1. *Approves the updated Tree Management Policy, as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee, held on 6 October 2026.*
2. *Rescinds the Park Land Olive Management Plan, as the management of olive trees is incorporated in the updated Tree Management Policy, contained in Attachment B to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee, held on 6 October 2026.*
3. *Notes that the updated Policy provides the overarching framework for the management of the City of Adelaide's urban forest and is supported by operational documents including the Tree Operating Guideline, as contained in Attachment C and Tree Risk Assessment Protocol as contained in Attachment D to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee, held on 6 October 2026.*
4. *Notes that the updated Tree Management Policy will support the City of Adelaide's strategic objective of achieving 40% tree canopy cover by 2035 through continued tree planting, replacement of trees removed for reasons such as replacement due to end of life, protection of existing trees and identification of additional planting opportunities.*
5. *Notes that the Tree Management Policy will be reviewed every four years, or earlier where legislative or operational change requires review, with the next scheduled review in 2030.*

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee Public Agenda

ATTACHMENTS

Recommendation 1 – Item 7.1 – Attachments A-D

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