

Internal Council Appointments

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Council

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on committee appointments and the office of the Deputy Lord Mayor for the remainder of the Council term as a consequence of the commencement of the *Local Government (Elections) (Periodic Elections) Amendment Act 2026* (SA) (the **Amendment Act**).

The effect of the Amendment Act is to extend the term of the appointment of a member of a council to fill an office of a council until the periodic election in April 2027. Council is not required to take any action should it wish existing appointments and leadership positions to continue for the extended period. However, Council may choose to undertake a new appointment process for any or all Committee Chairs, the Deputy Lord Mayor and other Council representatives.

Given the additional 5–6-month term, Council may consider this an opportunity to enable other elected members to gain valuable leadership and governance experience through these appointments, while ensuring any applicable principles of natural justice are observed by providing current office holders with an opportunity to respond to any proposed changes. All current appointments are listed in **Attachment A**.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes that the appointment of a council member to fill an office of a council is not affected by the holding of periodic elections in 2027 instead of 2026 in accordance with the Local Government (Elections) (Periodic Elections) Amendment Act 2026 (SA).
2. Notes the list of current appointments is contained in Attachment A to Item 16.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 13 October 2026.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation Enable effective governance, risk management, accountability and transparency at all times in decision making.
Policy	Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures and Code of Practice for Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Documents
Consultation	Not as a result of this report.
Resource	Not as a result of this report.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Council and its Committees will conduct business in accordance with the relevant provisions of the <i>Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013</i> (SA), the Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures and relevant policies. The <i>City of Adelaide Act 1998</i> (SA) and the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i> (SA) contain the provisions utilised by Council to resolve to create the position of Deputy Lord Mayor. The principles of natural justice apply to any decision to remove a Councillor from a paid office (including the office of Deputy Lord Mayor, the presiding member of a council committee, member of the Council Assessment Panel or paid position on a council subsidiary board).
Opportunities	Not Applicable
26/27 Budget Allocation	The annual allowance for a Deputy Lord Mayor as of November 2026 is \$51,591.00. The annual allowance for a Council Member as of November 2026 is \$34,394.00. If a Councillor is a Presiding Member of a Committee, they receive an additional amount of \$8,598.50 per annum. There is no extra allowance for the Lord Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor for undertaking a Presiding Member role. If a Councillor is a member of the Council Assessment Panel, they receive an additional amount of \$550.00 per meeting. For the Adelaide Central Market Authority an additional allowance of \$1,287.50 per meeting is payable to Council Members appointed as board members. For Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority an additional \$82.78 per hour plus \$249.08 preparation fee is payable to Council Members appointed as board members.
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

Councillor appointment to an office of the Council

1. Pursuant to section 20(4) of the *City of Adelaide Act 1988* (SA) the Council may resolve to have a Deputy Lord Mayor in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) (the **Act**).
2. It is the practice of Council to appoint a Deputy Lord Mayor to act in the office of Lord Mayor in the absence of the Lord Mayor and assist the Lord Mayor and the Council in the performance of the Lord Mayor's duties. It has also been the practice to appoint a Deputy Lord Mayor broadly for a period of 12 months.
3. Pursuant to section 41(2) of the Act the membership of a committee will be determined by the Council, and a member of a committee holds office at the pleasure of the Council.
4. Under the *Local Government (Elections) (Periodic Elections) Amendment Act 2026* (SA) (the **Amendment Act**), appointments of a member of a Council to fill an office of a Council previously scheduled to end at the conclusion of the Council's term in November 2026 are automatically extended until the holding of periodic elections in 2027.
5. Notwithstanding this, Council may maintain existing arrangements or formally resolve to make new appointments to an office of Council.
6. Given the additional 6-month term, Council may consider this an opportunity to enable other Council Members to gain valuable leadership and governance experience through these appointments.
7. Council is not required to make further appointments for existing appointments. In the absence of any action by Council, current appointments will continue until the end of the Council term.

Appointment of Councillor to office of Deputy Lord Mayor

8. During the first year of the 2022-2026 Council term, the role of the Deputy Lord Mayor was undertaken by Councillor Martin – 29 November 2022 to 30 November 2023. Following a Council decision on 28 November 2023, Councillor Martin's appointment to Deputy Lord Mayor was extended until 31 December 2023.
9. Between 1 January 2024 and 12 January 2025, the role of Deputy Lord Mayor was undertaken by Councillor Snape.
10. Councillor Elliott was appointed to the position of Deputy Lord Mayor for the period commencing 13 January 2025 and concluding on 31 December 2025. However, on 11 April 2025, in the matter of *Alexander Hyde v Electoral Commissioner of South Australia, Jing Li*, the Court of Disputed Returns made orders resulting in Cr Elliott being removed from the office of Councillor for the Central Ward of the City of Adelaide (and consequently from the position of Deputy Lord Mayor).
11. At its meeting held on 13 May 2025, Council appointed Councillor Martin to the position of Deputy Lord Mayor until the first Council Meeting attended by the newly sworn in Central Ward Council Members. At its meeting held on 9 September 2025, Council approved extending the appointment of Councillor Martin in the position of Deputy Lord Mayor for the period from 10 September 2025 until 23 September 2025.
12. On 23 September 2025, Councillor Snape was appointed to the position of Deputy Lord Mayor for the term 24 September 2025 to 31 December 2025 and Councillor Noon was appointed to the position of Deputy Lord Mayor for the term 1 January 2026 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.
13. Section 9 of the Amendment Act automatically extends the appointment to the office of Deputy Lord Mayor for the remainder of the Council term.

14. The Deputy Lord Mayor is automatically appointed to the following Committees:
 - 14.1. CEO Performance Review Panel
 - 14.2. Conduct Committee
 - 14.3. CEO Selection Panel
 - 14.4. CEO Tenure Review Committee
15. As of November 2026, in line with the determination of the Remuneration Tribunal, Council Member allowances are:
 - 15.1. Councillors - \$34,394.00. per annum
 - 15.2. Deputy Lord Mayor - \$51,591.00. per annum (1.5 times the annual allowance for Councillors of the City of Adelaide).
16. The level of allowance for the Deputy Lord Mayor recognises the additional role and function of this position and the role it plays in supporting the Lord Mayor and acting in the position when the Lord Mayor is absent.
17. Deputy Lord Mayor – Recommended process for nomination and appointment
 - 17.1. In the event Council wishes to appoint another Councillor to the office of Deputy Lord Mayor, the principles of natural justice should be observed, with the following steps to be followed prior to any formal resolution by Council to appoint another Council Member to the office of Deputy Lord Mayor:
 - 17.1.1. The existing Deputy Lord Mayor be formally notified of any proposed changes to their current appointment.
 - 17.1.2. The Deputy Lord Mayor be granted the opportunity to submit written feedback regarding the potential alteration to their position.
 - 17.1.3. Any written submissions received be presented to and considered by Council before a vote is taken.
 - 17.1.4. Council may only pass a formal resolution mandating a change after the natural justice process has been observed.

Appointment of Councillors to other offices of Council

18. Pursuant to section 41(4) of the Act the Council must appoint a person as the presiding member of a committee provision for the appointment of a presiding member.
19. Committee Chairs/Deputy Committee Chairs – allowances
 - 19.1. A Council Member who is the Chair of a Committee is entitled to a total Council Member allowance of \$42,992.50, inclusive of an additional Chair allowance of \$8,598.50 per annum.
 - 19.2. There is no additional entitlement for the Lord Mayor or the Deputy Lord Mayor if they are appointed to the role of a Committee Chair.
20. Committee Chairs/Deputy Committee Chairs – Process for nomination and appointment
 - 20.1. Committee membership is determined by Council, and members hold office at the pleasure of the Council, meaning there is no statutory entitlement to remain on a committee for a fixed term.
 - 20.2. As committee membership appointments and removals are a matter of Council discretion, the requirements of procedural fairness or natural justice are not legally mandated.
 - 20.3. Council may therefore change committee membership at any time, subject to any relevant legislative or policy requirements.
 - 20.4. Notwithstanding this, if it is proposed to remove a person from chairperson of the committee (which is a paid office) but otherwise retain the person on the committee, the affected member should be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be informed of the proposed change and, where appropriate, to provide their views before a decision is made.
 - 20.5. In this regard, Council should adopt a process similar to that outlined for the Deputy Lord Mayor prior to a decision being made.
21. Council Members on non-core committees
 - 21.1. This section refers to the following committees:
 - 21.1.1. Reconciliation Committee

- 21.1.2. CEO Performance Review Committee
 - 21.1.3. Council Assessment Panel Selection Panel
 - 21.1.4. Audit and Risk Committee - and proxy
 - 21.1.5. Conduct Committee – proxy only
22. Council may proceed with non-core committee appointments following the process detailed at paragraph 20, as these roles carry no additional financial allowance.
23. Council Members on bodies with a financial component
- 23.1. Council Members who hold a position on the following bodies receive a financial stipend for their participation:
 - 23.1.1. Council Assessment Panel - an additional allowance of \$550 per meeting
 - 23.1.2. Adelaide Central Market Authority - an additional allowance of \$1,287.50 per meeting
 - 23.1.3. Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority – an additional \$82.78 per hour plus \$249.08 preparation fee
 - 23.2. An appointment and removal of a Council Member in relation to CAP is subject to specific requirements as outlined within sections 2.3 and 4 of CAP's Terms of Reference ([Link 1](#)).
 - 23.3. The removal of a Board Member from ACMA or Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Land Authority is subject to specific requirements as per their Charter, which can be found at [Link 2](#) and [Link 3](#) respectively.
 - 23.4. Again, natural justice processes should be followed for the removal of any member from these paid offices.
 - 23.5. It should be noted that AEDA is not included in this report as the AEDA Charter requires the Lord Mayor to be appointed to the Board, unless another Council Member is nominated by the Lord Mayor.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – Council Assessment Panel Terms of Reference

Link 2 – Adelaide Central Market Authority Charter

Link 3 – Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Charter

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – List of current Council Appointments

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