Adelaide Fringe Access

Tuesday, 14 June 2022 Council

Council Member Councillor Martin

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MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Martin will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

'That Council:

Asks the Administration to enter into negotiations to allow the Adelaide Fringe use of Rundle Road for the 2023 Fringe for the purpose of performances and services that require a hard surface for a period equal to the duration of the Fringe (plus bump in and bump out) and on the same terms as offered to the Illuminate Festival.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

- 1. The mechanisms already exist for any group to approach Council through the Administration to host events and to seek any required permits, road closures and other supports for that purpose.
- 2. The Adelaide Fringe, working with the Garden Of Unearthly Delights and Gluttony, have commenced discussions with Administration for the closure and occupation of Rundle Road for the Adelaide Fringe 2023 Event.
- 3. The Adelaide Fringe 2023 festival dates are 17 February 19 March 2023.
- 4. The 24 May 2022 decision of Council affirmed that the temporary closure of Rundle Road for the Illuminate Adelaide major event was for a one-off occurrence and only due to exceptional circumstances.
- 5. The exceptional circumstances included:
 - 5.1. Rymill Park/ Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) was the initial preferred location, however, the Park will be under construction as part of Council's Events Infrastructure Upgrade project planned to commence in June 2022.
 - 5.2. Rundle Park/ Kadlitpina (Park 13) was also explored however the size of the main exhibition pavilion could not fit amongst the trees at the Western end of the Park Land.
 - 5.3. The 88 O'Connell site is not available as construction has commenced.
- 6. The purpose of this significant \$3m event infrastructure investment is to ensure the increased ability to provide spaces within the Park Lands to host events in the future.
- As the Rymill Park /Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) event infrastructure project works are scheduled to be completed ahead of the Adelaide Fringe 2023 dates, the same exceptional circumstances that impacted the Illuminate Adelaide 2022 major event will not exist.
- 8. In line with the decision of Council on 24 May 2022, which stated "Requests the CEO ensure that future Event Road Closures which exceed 28 days in length are brought to Council for noting prior to the CEO exercising their delegation", the Adelaide Fringe proposal would require a report to Council for noting.

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Should the motion be carried, 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	Public Consultation for the closure of Rundle Road would be required under Section 223 of the Local Government Act.
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable
Budget reallocation	Not applicable. All potential costs would be borne by the event applicant.
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not applicable
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 4.5 hours.

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