

# Drop in Liveable Status

Tuesday, 12 July 2022  
Council

Council Member  
Councillor Martin

Public

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Shaping

## 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:

Noting that the Economist Intelligence Units 2022 Global Liveability Index has;

1. Cut Adelaide's liveability rating from number 3 in the world to number 30 in the world
2. Ranked Adelaide's liveability below that of Perth, Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney

Asks the administration to prepare a report, in collaboration with the Adelaide Economic Development Agency, for the incoming Council in November, setting out proposed practical strategies to restore Adelaide's former liveability ranking.’

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## ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. City of Adelaide has a vision to become the most liveable city in the world.
2. The Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIU) Global Liveability Index is one of several global benchmarking tools that assess liveability. The Index scores 173 cities worldwide for over 30 qualitative and quantitative factors across five broad categories of Stability, Healthcare, Culture and Environment, Education and Infrastructure.
3. Adelaide has been ranked by the EIU Liveability Index as follows;
  - 3.1. 2019 - ranked 10<sup>th</sup> with a score of 96.6/100
  - 3.2. 2021 – ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> with a score of 94/100
  - 3.3. 2022 - ranked 30<sup>th</sup> with a score of 90.7/100
4. The score for Adelaide is based on the broader metropolitan city and not just the City of Adelaide local government area.
5. Whilst the positional ranking seems significant the scores concerning liveability have only changed slightly, with the top 30 cities all sitting within less than 8.5 points of each other.
6. Cities that relaxed Covid-19 restrictions earlier have typically moved upward in the 2022 rankings.
7. In 2021, Perth ranked 6<sup>th</sup> and Brisbane ranked 10<sup>th</sup>, dropping to 32<sup>nd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> respectively in 2022.
8. In 10<sup>th</sup> place, Melbourne is the only Australian and New Zealand city remaining in the top 10 of the 2022 Global Liveability Index.
9. At the 10 May 2022 Council meeting, a CEO undertaking was made to review our Strategic Management Framework which includes how liveability is addressed (in the context of the EIU Index) within our strategies, plans and policies. This report will be presented to the August 2022 Council meeting.

10. If this motion is adopted, a report will be prepared for the new Council term, with proposed strategies being an input for consideration by Council Members in reviewing Council's strategies, plans and policies.
11. The likely approaches will include advocacy and partnering, noting that a significant number of the measures that contribute to the EIU Liveability Index are outside of the direct control or intervention of Council and sit with either the State or Federal Government. This is reflected in the rationale for some of the shifts in the 2022 assessments which also pushed other Australian and New Zealand cities downwards, albeit with still high scores with regard to the pace and level of the rollback of COVID-19 restrictions.

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	Not Applicable
External consultant advice	Not Applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not Applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not Applicable
Budget reallocation	Not Applicable
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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