

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;

1. Approves that ordinary meetings of Council to be held each month, on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, except as otherwise determined by the resolution of Council.
2. Notes the Council workshop on the Governance Framework (Council Committees) the 6 December 2022 and requests that the following committee structures is presented as part an option
 - City Finance and Governance Committee, the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee, the City Community Services and Culture Committee and the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee.
3. Proposes for the structure of the Council, Committee agenda and standing orders to also be presented at that meeting.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. As part of the Council Induction Program, a Governance Structure workshop with Council Members has been scheduled for 6 December 2022.
2. The Governance Structure workshop is designed to assist Council to determine a committee structure and meeting schedule that enables Council, '*to act as a representative, informed and responsible decision-maker in the interests of its community*' in accordance with section 6(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), having reflected on the principles of an efficient and effective decision-making framework. These principles are to achieve:
 - 2.1. Good governance outcomes ie informed and transparent decision making
 - 2.2. Legislative compliance
 - 2.3. Consistency / alignment with Council' strategic management framework
 - 2.4. Consistency with community expectations of a Capital City Council.
3. Council, in establishing committees in accordance with the provisions of section 41 of the Act, must determine its purpose, membership, any delegated decision making, reporting and other accountability requirements. These and other prescribed requirements will be included in Terms of Reference for Council to adopt.

4. The purpose of the Governance Structure workshop on 6 December 2022 is to present a committee structure and associated agenda format option/s as referenced in the motion above for Council consideration and discussion.
5. Should this motion be carried, an/the option presented will feature two ordinary meetings of Council per month, which will be scheduled on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Special meetings of Council can be convened in accordance with section 82 of the Act.
6. The current City of Adelaide Standing Orders (Standing Orders) provide the following '*To support an effective working relationship with the Lord Mayor, the Deputy Lord Mayor will be the Chair of all core committees (committees of the whole) for the term of the appointment as Deputy Lord Mayor.*' Should Council wish to appoint a person other than the Deputy Lord Mayor as presiding member for a committee, provision can be made for this at the time the committee structure is adopted. The Governance Structure workshop will provide for discussion on this point.
7. As an outcome of the Governance Structure workshop, a report will be developed for Council to adopt its committee structure and related terms of reference. If needed, additional workshops can be held with Council Members to facilitate informed decision making to underpin the adoption of an efficient and effective decision-making framework.
8. The decision Council makes in adopting its committee structure will be reflected in the Standing Orders and effective from February 2023.

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	Staff time allocated for preparation for the workshop on 6 December 2022.
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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