Council Strategic Property Assets

Tuesday, 13 December 2022 **Council**

Council Member Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin

Contact Officer: Tom McCready, Director City Services

MOTION ON NOTICE

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

'That Council;

Pending a presentation by the Administration to the current elected body at the next appropriate Committee of Council meeting and any subsequent review determined by Council, asks the Administration to;

- Suspend for the time being all expression of interest processes and/or marketing of expression of interest processes related to any strategic asset sale unless contracts for such sales have been approved by Council and to suspend also further sales of Council housing
- 2. Presents before any further expenditure is incurred;
 - 2.1. the business case for the North Adelaide Mini Golf project
 - 2.2. the budget and the expected cost of the ornamental lake approved for Rymill Park, together with details of the public consultation for the Lake redevelopment proposals and the details of the post public, private consultation with other stakeholders previously referenced by the Administration.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

Former Bus Station Site on Franklin Street

- 1. On 27 January 2022 Council approved the desired outcomes and authorised the Chief Executive Officer to initiate an Expression of Interest (EOI) process for the sale and redevelopment of the former Bus Station site on Franklin Street.
- 2. The EOI process, including all associated marketing, has been fully completed with the results to be presented to Council for its review and consideration in early 2023.

Whitmore Square

- 3. On 9 November 2021 Council approved the staged sale of the twenty apartments and associated car parks owned by Council at 42-58 Whitmore Square with authorisations provided by Council for the execution of sale contracts. The staged sale of the apartments followed the expiration of the National Rental Affordability Scheme for the Whitmore Square apartment complex in 2020 with the apartments providing market rental housing. Sale contracts have been entered into for all twenty apartments with thirteen apartments sold as affordable housing to eligible purchasers in accordance with the State Government's HomeSeeker program.
- 4. No further EOI processes or sale of Council's housing asset are underway with a workshop on the Strategic Property Action Plan to be undertaken with Council Members in early 2023.

Public

North Adelaide Mini Golf

- 5. A Business Case for the proposed North Adelaide Mini Golf project will be presented to Council in Q1 2023 for consideration and decision.
- 6. This Business Case will be informed by key findings and learnings from recent engagement with members of the Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC) in relation to cultural heritage.

Rymill Park Lake Renewal

- 7. At its meeting on 14 June 2022 Council approved a sustainable lake for the Rymill Park Lake renewal project with a total budget of \$5,012,297. This decision was informed by recommendations from the Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority meeting on 28 October 2021 and subsequent investigations undertaken on the cost estimate due to indexation and the impacts of COVID-19 and other developments in the area.
- 8. Council received \$2,431,297 through the Open Space Grant Program in early 2022. The funding deed has an expiration of August 2023.
- 9. The stakeholder engagement and consultation was completed in 2019 as part of the Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14): Draft Master Plan & Community Land Management Plan.
- 10. Engagement on the Draft Master Plan was undertaken with Kaurna community representatives through 2017-2020. This engagement found that there was potential use of the site prior to settlement as a possible meeting place and/or camping site associated with a natural creek line (now known as Botanic Creek). This creek fed a waterhole that exists on the site of the Main Lake / Kainka Wirra at the Adelaide Botanic Garden and provided a wealth of food and other resources for the Aboriginal people of the area. A Department of Aboriginal Affairs cultural survey was undertaken in late 2021 with no known artifacts.
- At its meeting on 30 June 2022 Kadaltilla / Park Lands Authority supported the final Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Master Plan which was subsequently approved by Council at its meeting on 12 July 2022.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs

12. A Request for Registration of Interest (ROI) is currently open with tenders closing on Tuesday 20 December. This ROI will determine costs, capability, and timelines.

Public consultation	Continued engagement with KYAC on the North Adelaide Mini Golf proposal.
External consultant advice	Not applicable.
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Contracts are in place for the sale of 20 Whitmore Square units.
Impacts on existing projects	Reputational Risk
	Proponents have invested significant time, resources, and costs in finalising Stage 2 of the EOI for the Old Bus Station site as endorsed by Council. This EOI is now closed and will be presented to Council in early 2023 for consideration.
	Any potential delays to the Rymill Park Lake Award of Contract will impact the project timeline and put at risk funding commitments and events.
Budget reallocation	Not applicable.
Capital investment	\$5,012,297 (Rymill Park Lake – as approved by Council as part of its 2022/23 Business Plan & Budget)
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	To be determined.

13. An assessment of the ROI will be presented to Council for consideration in early 2023.

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 5.5 hours.

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