



COUNCIL

Minutes

for the meeting on

Tuesday, 23 September 2025

in the Council Chamber, Adelaide Town Hall

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Innovative.

Present – Acting Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin (Presiding)

Councillors Abrahimzadeh, Couros, Freeman, Giles, Maher, Noon, Dr Siebentritt and Snape

1 Acknowledgement of Country

At the opening of the Council meeting, the Acting Lord Mayor stated:

‘Council acknowledges that we are meeting on traditional Country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.

And we also extend that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations who are present today.’

2 Acknowledgement of Colonel William Light

The Acting Lord Mayor stated:

‘The Council acknowledges the vision of Colonel William Light in determining the site for Adelaide and the design of the City with its six squares and surrounding belt of continuous Park Lands which is recognised on the National Heritage List as one of the greatest examples of Australia’s planning heritage.’

3 Prayer

The Acting Lord Mayor stated:

‘We pray for wisdom, courage, empathy, understanding and guidance in the decisions that we make, whilst seeking and respecting the opinions of others.’

4 Pledge

The Acting Lord Mayor stated:

‘May we in this meeting speak honestly, listen attentively, think clearly and decide wisely for the good governance of the City of Adelaide and the wellbeing of those we serve.’

5 Memorial Silence

The Acting Lord Mayor asked all present stand in silence in memory of those who gave their lives in defence of their Country, at sea, on land and in the air.

Councillor Snape entered the Council Chamber at 6.08 pm.

6 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Leave of Absence:

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith and Councillor Cabada

Apology:

Councillor Davis

7 Confirmation of Minutes - 9/9/2025

Moved by Councillor Siebentritt,
Seconded by Councillor Maher -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9 September 2025, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

8 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

9 Deputations**9.1 Deputation - Mr Peter Dalkeith Scott - North Adelaide Golf Course**

Mr Peter Dalkeith Scott addressed the Council:

- On the redevelopment and design of the North Adelaide Golf Course by the State Government.

The Acting Lord Mayor thanked Mr Scott for his deputation.

10 Petitions

Nil

11 Recommendations of the City Finance and Governance Committee - 16 September 2025

Moved by Councillor Siebentritt,
Seconded by Councillor Noon -

11.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 7.1 - City Community Grants 2025/26THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the City Community Grants Program for 2025/26, which includes two focus areas – Arts and Culture and Community Impact.
2. Notes the City Community Grants Program Operating Guideline contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of Finance and Governance Committee held on Tuesday 16 September 2025.
3. Notes that the City Community Grants will open to the community in October 2025 with targeted promotions delivered to the cultural and community development sectors.
4. Notes that due to funding availability, multi-year Strategic Partnerships are not considered at this stage but will be reviewed on an annual basis through the Business Plan and Budget process.
5. Notes the Community Grants Program Annual Report 2024/25 contained in Attachment B to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of Finance and Governance Committee held on Tuesday 16 September 2025.

11.2 Recommendation 2 - Item 7.2 - Privacy Policy ReviewTHAT COUNCIL:

1. Adopts the Privacy Policy as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 September 2025.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to make minor, typographical, syntactical and technical updates to the Privacy Policy as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 September 2025 to finalise the document.

Carried unanimously

12 Recommendations of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee - 16 September 2025

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Noon -

12.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 7.2 - The City of West Torrens Stormwater Management PlanTHAT COUNCIL

1. Endorses The City of West Torrens Stormwater Management Plan - West Torrens Drainage Catchments as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 16 September 2025 so approval can be sought from the Stormwater Management Authority.
2. Notes that the City of Adelaide Stormwater Management team was consulted and provided comments during the initial stages of the City of West Torrens Stormwater Management Plan.
3. Notes that the City of West Torrens has advised that the feedback from both the City of Adelaide and the City of Charles Sturt was reviewed and incorporated into the current version of the plan.

12.2 Recommendation 2 - Item 7.3 - Capital Works Monthly Project Update - August 2025THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Capital Works Program Update for 31 August 2025 as contained within this report and Attachment A to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 16 September 2025.

Carried unanimously

13 Advice of the Kadaltilla/ Adelaide Park Lands Authority - 18 September 2025

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Maher -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the advice of the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority from the meeting of the Board held on 18 September 2025, contained in Item 13 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 23 September 2025 in relation to:
 - 1.1. Beach Volleyball Facility – Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27)
 - 1.2. Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) Master Plan Implementation Projects
 - 1.3. Tentative List Submission for World Heritage Bid for Adelaide and it's Rural Settlement Landscapes – Progress Report

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried unanimously

14 Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)**14.1 Appointment of the Deputy Lord Mayor**

Moved by Councillor Giles,
Seconded by Councillor Snape -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes that Council has resolved to create the position of Deputy Lord Mayor for the Council term, until November 2026.
2. Notes that the terms of office for the Deputy Lord Mayor will be from 24 September 2025 until 31 December 2025, and from 1 January until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

3. Notes that the method of appointing a Deputy Lord Mayor will be undertaken in accordance with the Code of Practice for Council Meeting Procedures as follows:
 - 3.1. The Presiding Member of the Meeting will call for nominations, which must be accepted or declined by the Council Member who is subject of the nomination.
 - 3.2. The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer is authorised to declare the successful candidate appointed to the office of Deputy Lord Mayor.
 - 3.3. In the event of only one nomination to the office, the candidate is appointed to the office of Deputy Lord Mayor, announced by the Returning Officer.
 - 3.4. In the event of there being more nominations than required, an election by voting ballot of Council Members present will be undertaken.
 - 3.5. If the votes for two or more candidates for the office are equal, lots must be drawn to determine which candidate or candidates will be excluded.
 - 3.6. Upon completion of the ballot process, the successful candidate is announced by the Returning Officer as appointed to the office of Deputy Lord Mayor.

Discussion ensued

Amendment -

Moved by Councillor Siebentritt,
Seconded by Councillor Abrahamzadeh -

‘That Part 2 of the motion be amended to delete the words ‘and from 1 January until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.’

Amendment lost

Discussion continued

The motion was then put and carried

Councillor Couros requested that a division be taken on the motion.

Division

For (5):

Councillors Giles, Freeman, Maher, Noon and Snape

Against (3):

Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Couros and Siebentritt

The division was declared in favour of the motion

Deputy Lord Mayor from 24 September 2025 until 31 December 2025

The Acting Lord Mayor called for nominations to the position of Deputy Lord Mayor from 24 September 2025 until 31 December 2025.

Councillor Giles nominated Councillor Snape, who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Abrahamzadeh nominated Councillor Couros, who accepted the nomination.

There being two nominations for one position, a ballot was conducted resulting in Councillor Snape being declared the successful candidate.

Mr Michael Sedgman, Returning Officer advised the meeting that Councillor Snape was appointed to the position of Deputy Lord Mayor for the term of 24 September 2025 until 31 December 2025.

Deputy Lord Mayor from 1 January 2026 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026

The Acting Lord Mayor called for nominations to the position of Deputy Lord Mayor from 1 January 2026 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Noon, who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Abrahamzadeh nominated Councillor Siebentritt, who accepted the nomination.

There being two nominations for one position, a ballot was conducted resulting in Councillor Noon being declared the successful candidate.

Mr Michael Sedgman, Returning Officer advised the meeting that 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.

14.2 Appointment of Committee Chairs and Deputy Chairs

Moved by Councillor Noon,
Seconded by Councillor Snape -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes that the term of appointment for the positions of Committee Chairs for the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs and Infrastructure and Public Works Committees and Deputy Chairs for the Infrastructure and Public Works and the City Finance and Governance Committees will be from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.
2. Notes that the method of appointing Council Members to the positions of Committee Chairs for the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs and Infrastructure and Public Works Committees and Deputy Chairs for the Infrastructure and Public Works and the City Finance and Governance Committees will be undertaken in accordance with the Code of Practice for Council Meeting Procedures as follows:
 - 2.1. The Presiding Member of the Meeting will call for nominations, which must be accepted or declined by the Council Member who is subject of the nomination.
 - 2.2. The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer is authorised to declare the successful candidate appointed to position of Committee Chair or Deputy Chair.
 - 2.3. In the event of only one nomination to the office, the candidate is appointed to the position of Committee Chair or Deputy Chair, announced by the Returning Officer.
 - 2.4. In the event of there being more nominations than required, an election by voting ballot of Council Members present will be undertaken.
 - 2.5. If the votes for two or more candidates for the relevant position are equal, a revote by ballot between tied candidates will be undertaken.
 - 2.6. If the votes for two or more candidates for the position remain equal, lots must be drawn to determine which candidate or candidates will be excluded.
 - 2.7. Upon completion of the ballot process, the successful candidate is announced by the Returning Officer as appointed to the position of Committee Chair or Deputy Chair.

Carried

Councillor Noon requested that a division be taken on the motion.

Division

For (7):

Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Giles, Freeman, Maher, Noon, Siebentritt and Snape

Against (1):

Councillor Couros

The division was declared in favour of the motion

Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee

The Acting Lord Mayor called for nominations to the position of Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Councillor Maher nominated Councillor Noon, who accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Mr Michael Sedgman, Returning Officer advised the meeting that Councillor Noon was appointed to the position of Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee

The Acting Lord Mayor called for nominations to the position of Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Councillor Noon nominated Councillor Maher, who accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Mr Michael Sedgman, Returning Officer advised the meeting that Councillor Maher was appointed to the position of Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Deputy Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee

The Acting Lord Mayor called for nominations to the position of Deputy Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Councillor Giles nominated Councillor Freeman, who accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Mr Michael Sedgman, Returning Officer advised the meeting that Councillor Freeman was appointed to the position of Deputy Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Deputy Chair of the City Finance and Governance Committee

The Acting Lord Mayor called for nominations to the position of Deputy Chair of the City Finance and Governance Committee from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Councillor Freeman nominated Councillor Maher, who accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Mr Michael Sedgman, Returning Officer advised the meeting that Councillor Maher was appointed to the position of Deputy Chair of the City Finance and Governance Committee from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

14.3 Appointment of Council Member to Reconciliation Committee

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Giles -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes that the term of appointment to the Reconciliation Committee will be from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.
2. Notes that the method of appointing a Council Member to the Reconciliation Committee will be undertaken in accordance with the Code of Practice for Council Meeting Procedures as follows:
 - 2.1. The Presiding Member of the Meeting will call for nominations, which must be accepted or declined by the Council Member who is subject of the nomination.
 - 2.2. The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer is authorised to declare the successful candidate appointed to the Reconciliation Committee.
 - 2.3. In the event of only one nomination to the Committee, the candidate is appointed to the Reconciliation Committee, announced by the Returning Officer.
 - 2.4. In the event of there being more nominations than required, an election by voting ballot of Council Members present will be undertaken.
 - 2.5. If the votes for two or more candidates for the relevant position are equal, a revote by ballot between tied candidates will be undertaken.

- 2.6. If the votes for two or more candidates for the position remain equal, lots must be drawn to determine which candidate or candidates will be excluded.
- 2.7. Upon completion of the ballot process, the successful candidate is announced by the Returning Officer as appointed to the Reconciliation Committee.

Carried unanimously

The Acting Lord Mayor called for nominations to the Reconciliation Committee from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Councillor Giles nominated Councillor Freeman, who accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Mr Michael Sedgman, Returning Officer advised the meeting that Councillor Freeman was appointed to the Reconciliation Committee from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

14.4 Appointment of Council Member to the CEO Performance Review Panel

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Noon -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes that the term of appointment to the CEO Performance Review Panel will be from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.
2. Notes that the method of appointing a Council Member to the CEO Performance Review Panel will be undertaken in accordance with the Code of Practice for Council Meeting Procedures as follows:
 - 2.1. The Presiding Member of the Meeting will call for nominations, which must be accepted or declined by the Council Member who is subject of the nomination.
 - 2.2. The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer is authorised to declare the successful candidate appointed to the CEO Performance Review Panel.
 - 2.3. In the event of only one nomination to the position, the candidate is appointed to the CEO Performance Review Panel, announced by the Returning Officer.
 - 2.4. In the event of there being more nominations than required, an election by voting ballot of Council Members present will be undertaken.
 - 2.5. If the votes for two or more candidates for the relevant position are equal, a revote by ballot between tied candidates will be undertaken.
 - 2.6. If the votes for two or more candidates for the position remain equal, lots must be drawn to determine which candidate or candidates will be excluded.
 - 2.7. Upon completion of the ballot process, the successful candidate is announced by the Returning Officer as appointed to the CEO Performance Review Panel.

Carried unanimously

The Acting Lord Mayor called for nominations to the CEO Performance Review Panel from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Noon, who accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Mr Michael Sedgman, Returning Officer advised the meeting that Councillor Noon was appointed to the CEO Performance Review Panel from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

14.5 Appointment of Deputy Council Member to Council Assessment Panel

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Maher -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes that the term of appointment for the position of Deputy Council Member to the Council Assessment Panel, will be from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.
2. Notes that the method of appointing Council Members to the positions of Deputy Council Member to the Council Assessment Panel will be undertaken in accordance with the Code of Practice for Council Meeting Procedures as follows:
 - 2.1. The Presiding Member of the Meeting will call for nominations, which must be accepted or declined by the Council Member who is subject of the nomination.
 - 2.2. The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer is authorised to declare the successful candidate appointed to position of Deputy Council Member to the Council Assessment Panel.
 - 2.3. In the event of only one nomination to the office, the candidate is appointed to the position of Deputy Council Member to the Council Assessment Panel, announced by the Returning Officer.
 - 2.4. In the event of there being more nominations than required, an election by voting ballot of Council Members present will be undertaken.
 - 2.5. If the votes for two or more candidates for the relevant position are equal, a revote by ballot between tied candidates will be undertaken.
 - 2.6. If the votes for two or more candidates for the position remain equal, lots must be drawn to determine which candidate or candidates will be excluded.
 - 2.7. Upon completion of the ballot process, the successful candidate is announced by the Returning Officer as appointed to the position of Deputy Council Member to the Council Assessment Panel.

Carried unanimously

The Acting Lord Mayor called for nominations to the position of Deputy Council Member to the Council Assessment Panel, from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Freeman, who accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Mr Michael Sedgman, Returning Officer advised the meeting that Councillor Freeman was appointed to the position of Deputy Council Member to the Council Assessment Panel, from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

14.6 Appointment of Proxy Council Member to Audit and Risk Committee

Moved by Councillor Giles,
Seconded by Councillor Snape -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes that the term of appointment for the position of Proxy Council Member to Audit and Risk Committee will be from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.
2. Notes that the method of appointing Council Members to the position of Proxy Council Member to Audit and Risk Committee will be undertaken in accordance with the Code of Practice for Council Meeting Procedures as follows:
 - 2.1. The Presiding Member of the Meeting will call for nominations, which must be accepted or declined by the Council Member who is subject of the nomination.
 - 2.2. The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer is authorised to declare the successful candidate appointed to position of Proxy Council Member to Audit and Risk Committee.

- 2.3. In the event of only one nomination to the office, the candidate is appointed to the position of Proxy Council Member to Audit and Risk Committee, announced by the Returning Officer.
- 2.4. In the event of there being more nominations than required, an election by voting ballot of Council Members present will be undertaken.
- 2.5. If the votes for two or more candidates for the relevant position are equal, a revote by ballot between tied candidates will be undertaken.
- 2.6. If the votes for two or more candidates for the position remain equal, lots must be drawn to determine which candidate or candidates will be excluded.
- 2.7. The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer is authorised to declare the successful candidate appointed to position of Proxy Council Member to Audit and Risk Committee.

Carried unanimously

The Acting Lord Mayor called for nominations to the position of Proxy Council Member to the Audit and Risk Committee from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Councillor Giles nominated Councillor Martin, who accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Mr Michael Sedgman, Returning Officer advised the meeting that Councillor Martin was appointed to the position of Proxy Council Member to Audit and Risk Committee from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

14.7 Council Representatives on CAP Selection Panel

Moved by Councillor Noon,
Seconded by Councillor Maher -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Endorses the inclusion of two Council Members on the Council Assessment Panel (CAP) Independent Member Selection Panel.
2. Resolves to appoint two Council Members to the Council Assessment Panel (CAP) Independent Member Selection Panel from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.
3. Notes that the method of appointing Council Members to the Council Assessment Panel (CAP) Independent Member Selection Panel will be undertaken in accordance with the Code of Practice for Council Meeting Procedures as follows:
 - 3.1. The Presiding Member of the Meeting will call for nominations, which must be accepted or declined by the Council Member who is subject of the nomination.
 - 3.2. The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer is authorised to declare the successful candidate appointed to the Council Assessment Panel (CAP) Independent Member Selection Panel.
 - 3.3. In the event of only two nominations to the office, the candidate is appointed to the Council Assessment Panel (CAP) Independent Member Selection Panel, announced by the Returning Officer.
 - 3.4. In the event of there being more nominations than required, an election by voting ballot of Council Members present will be undertaken.
 - 3.5. If the votes for two or more candidates for the relevant position are equal, a revote by ballot between tied candidates will be undertaken.
 - 3.6. If the votes for two or more candidates for the position remain equal, lots must be drawn to determine which candidate or candidates will be excluded.
 - 3.7. Upon completion of the ballot process, the successful candidate is announced by the Returning Officer as appointed to the Council Assessment Panel (CAP) Independent Member Selection Panel.

Discussion ensued

Amendment –

Moved by Councillor Couros,
Seconded by Councillor Siebentritt -

‘That part 2 of the motion be amended to read as follows:

2. Resolves to appoint the Lord Mayor and one Council Member to the Council Assessment Panel (CAP) Independent Member Selection Panel from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.’

Discussion ensued, during which with the consent of the mover, seconder and the meeting the amendment was varied to read as follows:

- ‘2. Resolves to appoint the Lord Mayor or her delegated Council Member and one Council Member to the Council Assessment Panel (CAP) Independent Member Selection Panel from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.’

The amendment, as varied, was then put and carried

Councillor Giles requested that a division be taken on the amendment, as varied.

Division

For (7):

Councillors Couros, Giles, Freeman, Maher, Noon, Siebentritt and Snape

Against (1):

Councillors Abrahamzadeh

The division was declared in favour of the amendment, as varied

The motion, as amended, was then put and carried

The Acting Lord Mayor called for nominations to the position of Council Member to the Council Assessment Panel (CAP) Independent Member Selection Panel from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Councillor Noon nominated Councillor Freeman, who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Freeman nominated Councillor Maher, who declined the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Mr Michael Sedgman, Returning Officer advised the meeting that Councillor Freeman was appointed to the position of Council Member to the Council Assessment Panel (CAP) Independent Member Selection Panel from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

14.8 External Appointments

Moved by Councillor Maher,
Seconded by Councillor Snape -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes that the term of appointment for the External Appointments listed below will be from 24 September 2025 until the Conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.
 - 1.1. Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee (Member and Proxy Member)
 - 1.2. Adelaide Botanic High School Council
 - 1.3. Adelaide High School Governing Council
 - 1.4. Australia Day Council of South Australia
 - 1.5. Business Events Adelaide Board (Member and Proxy Member)
 - 1.6. Royal South Australia Regiment Council Inc
 - 1.7. Capital City Committee (Deputy Member)

2. Notes that the method of appointing Council Members to the External Appointments will be undertaken in accordance with the Code of Practice for Council Meeting Procedures as follows
 - 2.1. The Presiding Member of the Meeting will call for nominations, which must be accepted or declined by the Council Member who is subject of the nomination.
 - 2.2. The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer is authorised to declare the successful candidate appointed to an External Appointment.
 - 2.3. In the event of only one nomination to the office, the candidate is appointed to the External Appointment, announced by the Returning Officer.
 - 2.4. In the event of there being more nominations than required, an election by voting ballot of Council Members present will be undertaken.
 - 2.5. If the votes for two or more candidates for the relevant position are equal, a revote by ballot between tied candidates will be undertaken.
 - 2.6. If the votes for two or more candidates for the position remain equal, lots must be drawn to determine which candidate or candidates will be excluded.
 - 2.7. The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer is authorised to declare the successful candidate appointed to the External Appointment.

Carried unanimously

Member - Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee

The Acting Lord Mayor called for nominations to the position of Member on the Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee, from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Freeman, who accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Mr Michael Sedgman, Returning Officer advised the meeting that Councillor Freeman was appointed to the position of Member on the Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee, from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Proxy Member on the Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee

The Acting Lord Mayor called for nominations to the position of Proxy Member on the Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee, from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Noon, who accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Mr Michael Sedgman, Returning Officer advised the meeting that Councillor Noon was appointed to the position of Proxy Member on the Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee, from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Adelaide Botanic High School Council

The Acting Lord Mayor called for nominations to the Adelaide Botanic High School Council, from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Councillor Freeman nominated Councillor Noon, who declined the nomination.

Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Freeman, who accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Mr Michael Sedgman, Returning Officer advised the meeting that Councillor Freeman was appointed to the Adelaide Botanic High School Council, from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Adelaide High School Governing Council

The Acting Lord Mayor called for nominations to the Adelaide High School Governing Council, from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Freeman, who accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Mr Michael Sedgman, Returning Officer advised the meeting that Councillor Freeman was appointed to the Adelaide High School Governing Council, from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Australia Day Council of South Australia

The Acting Lord Mayor called for nominations to the Australia Day Council of South Australia, from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Abrahamzadeh, who declined the nomination.

Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Couros, who declined the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

Member - Business Events Adelaide Board

The Acting Lord Mayor called for nominations to the position of Member on the Business Events Adelaide Board, from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Noon, who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Couros self nominated.

There being two nominations for one position, a ballot was conducted resulting in Councillor Noon being declared the successful candidate.

Mr Michael Sedgman, Returning Officer advised the meeting that Councillor Noon was appointed to the position of Member to the Business Events Adelaide Board, from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Proxy Member - Business Events Adelaide Board

The Acting Lord Mayor called for nominations to the position of Proxy Member on the Business Events Adelaide Board, from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Couros, who declined the nomination.

Councillor Abrahamzadeh left the Council Chamber at 7.44 pm.

Councillor Noon nominated Councillor Siebentritt, who accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Mr Michael Sedgman, Returning Officer advised the meeting that Councillor Siebentritt was appointed to the position of Proxy Member on the Business Events Adelaide Board, from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Royal South Australia Regiment Council Inc

The Acting Lord Mayor called for nominations to Royal South Australia Regiment Council Inc, from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

There were no nominations.

Deputy Member - Capital City Committee

The Acting Lord Mayor called for nominations to the position of Deputy Member on the Capital City Committee, from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Noon, who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Freeman nominated Councillor Maher, who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Noon withdrew her nomination.

There being no further nominations, Mr Michael Sedgman, Returning Officer advised the meeting that Councillor Maher was appointed to the position of Deputy Member on the Capital City Committee, from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

Australia Day Council of South Australia

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Maher nominated Councillor Noon to the Australia Day Council of South Australia, from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026. Councillor Noon accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Mr Michael Sedgman, Returning Officer advised the meeting that Councillor Noon was appointed to the Australia Day Council of South Australia, from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Giles,
Seconded by Councillor Snape -

That Council defers the appointment of a Council Member to the representative role on the Royal South Australia Regiment Council Inc to the Council meeting of 28 October 2025 and asks administration to provide coverage where possible for meetings held before 28 October 2025.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

14.9 Appointment of LGFA General Meeting Voting Delegate

Moved by Councillor Giles,
Seconded by Councillor Snape -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Agrees to appoint a delegate to represent the City of Adelaide at the general meetings of the Local Government Finance Authority.
2. Appoints the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith, as Council's representative at the Local Government Finance Authority Annual General Meetings for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Council term.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried unanimously

15 Lord Mayor's Reports

The Acting Lord Mayor addressed the meeting on the following:

- Adelaide Park Lands Association meeting
- The Lord Mayor's attendance at Climate Week NYC 2025

During the discussion, Councillor Couros left the Council Chamber at 7.59 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Giles,
Seconded by Councillor Siebentritt -

That the report be received and noted.

Carried

16 Councillors' Reports**16.1 Reports from Council Members**

Councillor Siebentritt addressed the meeting on his attendance at the launch of the Feast Festival program.

Councillor Maher addressed the meeting to thank his supporters and provided details of meetings he has attended since being elected as a Council Member.

Councillor Giles addressed the meeting on the Kidical Mass event in Light Square, the Guitar Festival and the Unmasked African Festival.

Councillor Noon addressed the meeting on her attendance at the 200th anniversary of Uruguay's Independence.

During the discussion:

- Councillor Abrahamzadeh re-entered the Council Chamber at 8.01 pm.
- Councillor Couros re-entered the Council Chamber at 8.03 pm.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Maher -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Council Member activities and functions attended on behalf of the Lord Mayor (Attachment A to Item 16.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 23 September 2025.
2. Notes the summary of meeting attendance by Council Members (Attachment B to Item 16.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 23 September 2025.
3. Notes that reports from Council Members tabled at the meeting of the Council held on 23 September 2025 will be included in the Minutes of the meeting.

Carried

17 Motions on Notice

Nil

18 Motions without Notice

Nil

19 Questions on Notice

19.1 Councillor Siebentritt - QoN - Administration use of AI

19.2 Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin - QoN - State Government Park Lands Takeover

19.3 Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin - QoN - AEDA 2025/26 Strategic Partnerships Program

The Question and Replies having been distributed and published prior to the meeting were taken as read.

The replies for Items 19.1 to 19.3, are attached for reference at the end of the Minutes of the meeting

20 Questions without Notice

Nil

21 Exclusion of the Public

Moved by Councillor Maher,
Seconded by Councillor Freeman -

ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 22

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (b) & (d) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), this meeting of the Council dated 23 September 2025 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 22 [Confidential Recommendation of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee - 16 September 2025] listed on the Agenda in a meeting open to the public would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

Grounds and Basis

This Item is commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information and confer a commercial advantage on a third party.

Public Interest

The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the disclosure of this information will result in a competitor receiving the information to the detriment of the interested parties and the person who supplied valuation information at this point in time.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 23 September 2025 orders that the public (with the exception of members of Corporation staff and any person permitted to remain) be excluded from this meeting to enable this meeting to receive, discuss or consider in confidence Item 22 [Confidential Recommendation of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee - 16 September 2025] listed in the Agenda, on the grounds that such item of business, contains information and matters of a kind referred to in section 90(3) (b) & (d) of the Act.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Maher,
Seconded by Councillor Freeman -

ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 23

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (b) & (d) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), this meeting of the Council dated 23 September 2025 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 23 [Confidential Advice of the Kadaltilla/ Adelaide Park Lands Authority - 18 September 2025] listed on the Agenda in a meeting open to the public would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

Grounds and Basis

This Item is commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret), the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting business, prejudice the commercial position of the Council and prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information and confer a commercial advantage on a third party.

The disclosure of information in this report could reasonably prejudice the commercial position and identity of the proponent who supplied 'commercial in confidence' information containing a business case and capability to undertake a promotional opportunity for evaluation by Council at the request of the Council for which 'commercial in confidence' discussions have been undertaken and remain current. Disclosure of this information may adversely impact project viability, prejudice the ability to undertake/participate in future negotiations on the proposal and prejudice the Council's commercial position and opportunity for Council to participate in future like considerations or discussions.

Public Interest

The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the disclosure of this information may result in the release of information prior to the finalisation of commercial Lease negotiations with the preferred proponents and competitors receiving the information to the detriment of the proponents who supplied information at this point in time, may materially and adversely affect the financial viability of the proponent for any future projects and severely prejudice Council's ability to discuss/participate or influence a proposal for the benefit of the Council and the community in this matter and in relation to other commercial Lease negotiations.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 23 September 2025 orders that the public (with the exception of members of Corporation staff and any person permitted to remain) be excluded from this meeting to enable this meeting to receive, discuss or consider in confidence Item 23 [Confidential Advice of the Kadaltilla/ Adelaide Park Lands Authority - 18 September 2025] listed in the Agenda, on the grounds that such item of business, contains information and matters of a kind referred to in section 90(3) (b) & (d) of the Act.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Noon,
Seconded by Councillor Siebentritt –

ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 24.1

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (a) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), this meeting of the Council dated 23 September 2025 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 24.1 [Appointment of Members to the Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks Stormwater Audit and Risk Committee] listed on the Agenda in a meeting open to the public would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

Grounds and Basis

This Item is confidential information that must be considered in confidence in order to protect the personal affairs of nominees.

The disclosure of information in this report could reasonably implicate the nominees' reputations in the business Community.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 23 September orders that the public (with the exception of members of Corporation staff and any person permitted to remain) be excluded from this meeting to enable this meeting to receive, discuss or consider in confidence Item 24.1 [Appointment of Members to the Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks Stormwater Audit and Risk Committee] listed in the Agenda, on the grounds that such item of business, contains information and matters of a kind referred to in section 90(3) (a) of the Act.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Maher,
Seconded by Councillor Noon –

ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 24.2

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (d) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), this meeting of the Council dated 23 September 2025 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 24.2 [City Library – Licence & Collaboration Agreement] listed on the Agenda in a meeting open to the public would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

Grounds and Basis

This Item is confidential as the item contains certain information of a confidential nature.

The disclosure of information may adversely impact on the commercial position of the City of Adelaide.

Public Interest

The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the disclosure of information may result in release of information prior to the finalisation of the matter by the City of Adelaide

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 23 September 2025 orders that the public (with the exception of members of Corporation staff and any person permitted to remain) be excluded from this meeting to enable this meeting to receive, discuss or consider in confidence Item 24.2 [City Library – Licence & Collaboration Agreement] listed in the Agenda, on the grounds that such item of business, contains information and matters of a kind referred to in section 90(3) (d) of the Act.

Carried

Members of the public and corporation staff not involved with Items 22, 23, 24.1 and 24.2 left the Council Chamber at 8.10 pm.

- 22 Confidential Recommendation of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee –
16 September 2025 [S90(3) (b), (d)]**
- 22.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 11.1 - Adaptive Reuse City Housing Initiative Major Project
Funding Request [S90(3) (b), (d)]**
- 23 Confidential Advice of the Kadaltilla/ Adelaide Park Lands Authority - 18 September 2025
[S90(3) (b), (d)]**
- 24 Confidential Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)**
- 24.1 Appointment of Members to the Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks Stormwater Audit and
Risk Committee [S90(3) (a)]**
- 24.2 City Library - Licence & Collaboration Agreement [S90(3) (d)]**

The meeting reopened to the public at 8.14 pm.

Item 22 – Confidential Recommendation of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – 16 September 2025 [s 90(3) [(b), (d)]]

Recommendation 1 - Item 11.1 – Adaptive Reuse City Housing Initiative Major Project Funding Request
Confidentiality Order

Authorises that, in accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and because Item 22 [Recommendation 1 - Item 11.1 – Adaptive Reuse City Housing Initiative Major Project Funding Request] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 23 September 2025 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3) (b) and (d) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), this meeting of Council do order that

1. The resolution, the report, the discussion and any other associated information submitted to this meeting and the Minutes of this meeting in relation to the matter remain confidential and not available for public inspection until December 2026.
2. The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in December 2026.
3. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to review and revoke all or part of the order herein and directed to present a report containing the Item for which the confidentiality order has been revoked.

Item 23 – Confidential Advice of the Kadaltilla/ Adelaide Park Lands Authority - 18 September 2025 [s 90(3) [(b), (d)]]

Confidentiality Order

In accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and because Item 23 [Confidential Advice of the Kadaltilla/ Adelaide Park Lands Authority - 18 September 2025] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of Council held on 23 September 2025 in full was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Sections 90(3) (b) & (d) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), this meeting of Council do order that

1. The resolution, the report, the discussion and any other associated information submitted to this meeting and the Minutes of this meeting in relation to the matter remain confidential and not available for public inspection until 31 March 2026.
2. The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in December 2026.
3. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to review and revoke all or part of the order herein and directed to present a report containing the Item for which the confidentiality order has been revoked.

Item 24.1 – Appointment of Members to the Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks Stormwater Audit and Risk Committee [s 90(3) [(a)]]

Confidentiality Order

Authorises that, in accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and because Item 24.1 [Appointment of Member to the Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks Stormwater Audit and Risk Committee] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 23 September 2025 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3) (a) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), this meeting of the Council do order that

1. The resolution and report remain confidential and become public information upon confirmation of the appointments by the Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks Stormwater Board.
2. The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in December 2025.
3. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to review and revoke all or part of the order herein and directed to present a report containing the Item for which the confidentiality order has been revoked.

Item 24.2 – City Library - Licence & Collaboration Agreement [S90(3) (d)]Confidentiality Order

Authorises that, in accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and because Item 24.2 [City Library – Licence & Collaboration Agreement] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 23 September 2025 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3) (d) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), this meeting of the Council do order that:

1. The resolution becomes public information upon the execution of the Licence Agreement between the Libraries Board of South Australia and The Corporation of the City of Adelaide and the publication of a joint media release.
2. The report, the discussion and any other associated information submitted to this meeting and the Minutes of this meeting in relation to the matter remain confidential and not available for public inspection until 31 December 2031.
3. The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in December 2026.
4. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to review and revoke all or part of the order herein and directed to present a report containing the Item for which the confidentiality order has been revoked.

Closure

The meeting closed at 8.14 pm

Councillor Martin
Acting Lord Mayor

Date of confirmation:

Documents Attached:

Item 19.1 – 19.3 – Question on Notice Replies – Distributed Separately

Councillor Siebentritt - QoN - Administration use of AI

Tuesday, 23 September 2025
Council

Council Member
Councillor Dr Mark Siebentritt

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating
Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Dr Mark Siebentritt will ask the following Question on Notice:

'How is Administration using AI to improve the efficiency of our project and service delivery and what plans do we have for its further use in the future?'

REPLY

1. City of Adelaide administration business units were surveyed to gauge current use of AI and future AI implementation intentions. A majority of program areas across the Administration responded:
 - Adelaide Central Market Authority
 - Adelaide Economic Development Agency
 - City Culture
 - City Operations
 - Customer and Marketing
 - Governance and Strategy
 - Information Management
 - Infrastructure
 - Office of the CEO
 - Park Lands Policy and Strategy
 - Regulatory Services
 - Strategic Property and Commercial
2. Results indicate where current use and expertise exists and where potential further development and investment could occur.

3. Based on the responses received, currently AI is being used across CoA in key domains, and to varying degrees:

Table 1 – Proportion of program areas employing AI and how frequently

	Occasionally	Regularly	No use
Research/ analysis/ text checking/ technical analytics	19%	33%	48%
Customer queries/ applications	10%	24%	66%
Content creation	7%	12%	81%
Community engagement	5%	12%	83%

4. Current tools used include:

	Public platform	Subscription based	Corporate systems with AI capabilities
Research/ analysis/ text checking	ChatGPT Adobe AI Google Gemini Claude Microsoft Copilot	Adobe AI Open AI	Microsoft Copilot Chat and Studio, Azure Databricks (early proof of concept, for 'ring-fenced' CoA general AI environment, including machine learning).
Technical analytics	None identified	VivaCity Traffic Monitoring (video analytics trial)	Kofax (OCR - optical character recognition) Designa (LPR - licence plate recognition, also known as ANPR - automated number plate recognition) SenSen (LPR/ANPR) Pinforce (LPR/ANPR) Microsoft Azure Management Platform (system monitoring, malware detection etc)
Customer queries/ applications	ChatGPT Adobe AI Google Gemini Claude	Open AI	CXOne (transcription & sentiment analysis)
Content creation	ChatGPT Adobe AI Google Gemini	Adobe Firefly	None identified
Community engagement	ChatGPT Adobe AI	None identified	None identified

5. Potential future use intentions were flagged as follows:

Table 2 – Proportion of program areas planning expanded future AI use in key domains

	Explore further use	Invest in further use	Increase use	No plans
Research/ analysis/ text checking/ technical analytics	31%	7%	33%	29%
Customer queries/ applications	29%	7%	24%	40%
Content creation	26%	5%	19%	50%
Community engagement	24%	5%	14%	57%

6. Platforms to explore or enable, and possible future uses include:

	Subscription based	Corporate systems with AI capabilities
Research/ analysis/ text checking	None identified	Microsoft Copilot Agent (priority business cases – e.g. Policy, Analytics) Microsoft Copilot integration MS 365
Technical analytics	AI for Biodiversity monitoring	ArcGIS - Spatial AI Microsoft Copilot (power apps and code development tools)
Customer queries/ applications	Hubspot (customer and marketing)	Qualtrics – Customer Experience platform (sentiment and analysis) Salesforce (Agentforce)
Content creation	None identified	None identified
Community engagement	None identified	None identified

7. A 3 year AI roadmap is being finalised by Information Management, for Corporation-wide AI infrastructure, supporting prioritised business cases (to be determined in the pilot phase), using Co-Pilot Agent, and Salesforce Agentforce platforms. This roadmapping process has commenced with technical and security compliance readiness and validation in the first half of 2025/26, with the roadmap continuing out to the end of 2027/28.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 8 hours.
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Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin - QoN - State Government Park Lands Takeover

Tuesday, 23 September 2025
Council

Council Member

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor
Phillip Martin

Public

Contact Officer:

Ilia Houridis, Director City Shaping

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

Could the Administration advise;

1. Is it aware of any timing for the appointment of a Minister, as foreshadowed by recent legislation, to oversee the takeover of Park 1, Park 27A and any other Park Lands it sees fit to acquire under the legislation?
2. Has the State Government advised if it will close, manage itself the continued operation of the North Adelaide Golf Course on Park 1 or ask the City to continue to operate the golf course on the appointment of the Minister?
3. If there has been any confirmation of the State Government's intended uses for Park 27A, and
4. Noting that the City of Adelaide was not involved in any negotiations with the CEO of LIV Golf, Greg Norman, over the State Government takeover of Park 1 and Park 27A of the Park Lands, could the Administration advise if it has any expectation Mr Norman's departure will impact State Government takeover or the project in any way?

REPLY

1. As at 19 September 2025, the Government of South Australia (the Government) had not yet committed the *North Adelaide Public Golf Course Act 2025* (the Act) to one of its Ministers. Administration has not been advised as to when this will occur.
2. As at 19 September 2025, Administration has not received advice from the Government about its preferred operating model for the North Adelaide Golf Course and associated facilities, either:
 - 2.1 From the designation of Handover, which could occur prior to any construction commencing and noting the Handover Date is yet to be set by the Government,
 - 2.2 during construction, or
 - 2.3 post the construction period.
3. In accordance with the Act, the Minister must consult with Council prior to designating a handover day for the project site, which includes the North Adelaide Golf Course and Park 27A.
4. During the Committee Stage debate on the North Adelaide Public Golf Course Bill 2025, the Minister for Planning, Hon Nick Champion MP, explained that the design process had identified John E Brown Park (Park 27A) for use as a driving range. No further confirmation of this has been provided by the Government.

5. Noting the Administration is yet to receive any detail from the Government relating to the actual scope and staging of works, the timing to action various clauses in the Act, confirmation of when the first LIV Golf event would be hosted at the North Adelaide Public Golf Course, nor any role that LIV Golf may play in the delivery of operations or the management of construction, it is difficult to provide an assessment of the degree of the impact of Mr Norman stepping down as CEO of LIV Golf.
6. The Administration understands that Greg Norman Golf Course Design are delivering concept planning and design work for the North Adelaide Public Golf Course. This business is a separate entity to LIV Golf.
7. The Act bestows on the designated Minister significant powers, including that on the designated handover day, the whole of the project site will be vested in the Minister in an estate in fee simple. This legislated process will not change as a consequence of changes in the management structure or personnel of LIV Golf.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 4.5 hours.
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Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin - QoN - AEDA 2025/26 Strategic Partnerships Program

Tuesday, 23 September 2025
Council

Council Member

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor
Phillip Martin

Public

Contact Officer:

Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating
Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Noting AEDA's website states the Agency "...has awarded six city organisations a share of \$3.6 million over three years through its Strategic Partnerships Program to drive growth, foster innovation, and strengthen the city's business landscape ...", could the Administration advise;

1. What, if any, arrangements are in place to ensure funds allocated to one of the six, MTP Connect, whose head office is in Brighton in Victoria, will be expended in the City of Adelaide for the benefit of ratepayers
2. What, if any, arrangements are in place to ensure funds allocated to another of the six, University of Adelaide/ThincLab, will be expended on entities and/or initiatives based in the City of Adelaide for the benefit of ratepayers, and
3. If AEDA is likely to adopt criteria in the coming year to ensure recipients of grants under the program should be located on rateable land in the City of Adelaide and propose to spend grant funds in the City of Adelaide to benefit ratepayers?'

REPLY

Background

1. Through its Strategic Partnerships Program, AEDA funds organisations that have the skills and experience to drive economic activity, create jobs, and grow businesses in the city. The six organisations funded by AEDA operate out of premises within the Adelaide CBD.
2. Funding criteria in the operating guidelines reflect AEDA's obligations in its Charter and Council's Economic Development Strategy. The program funds proposals that benefit Adelaide businesses and ratepayers by addressing one or more of the following objectives:
 - 2.1 Increasing the number of people working and living in the city including students.
 - 2.2 Attracting new businesses to the city.
 - 2.3 Leveraging investment in the city's innovation assets and entities (for example Lot Fourteen and BioMed City) to drive greater economic benefit for the CBD.
 - 2.4 Positioning Adelaide as a world class events city by ensuring that events not only attract attendees but also encourage longer stays and repeat visits.
 - 2.5 Driving tourism initiatives that attract regional, national and international visitors.
 - 2.6 Enhancing the value proposition of Adelaide as a destination to work, invest, live, study and visit.

2.7 Decreasing shopfront vacancies in the city

3. The City of Adelaide Economic Development Strategy states “We will partner with organisations and businesses such as MTPConnect, Renew Adelaide, SouthStart and the University of Adelaide’s ThinkLab, to support start-up businesses throughout the start-up business lifecycle.”
4. All Strategic Partners are required to report bi-annually on key measures and achievements (including businesses involved in their programs), work collaboratively with AEDA throughout the agreement, and provide a detailed acquittal report at the end of the program.

Question 1

5. MTPConnect is a national, independent, not-for-profit organisation established in 2015 to accelerate growth, innovation and commercialisation in Australia’s medical technologies, biotechnology and pharmaceutical (MTP) sectors.
6. MTPConnect has offices around Australia with its Adelaide office based in the Adelaide CBD.
7. Health, education, and medical technologies are priority sectors for AEDA, and aligns with Council’s Economic Development Strategy “*Priority: Promote Adelaide’s reputation as a centre for health and education*”. MTPConnect has made a strong contribution to Adelaide’s ecosystem, including through a 2024 program delivery.
8. Over the life of the present Strategic Partnerships agreement, its focus will be:
 - 8.1 attracting inbound delegations to showcase Adelaide companies and university research in collaboration with local innovation precincts
 - 8.2 educating investors about sector opportunities to grow investment, companies and jobs.
9. Program objectives under the present program are to:
 - 9.1 host at least three inbound and three outbound delegations, targeting five new partnerships between international and local organisations
 - 9.2 Deliver an Investor Education Program for 50 investors over four years, with a goal of facilitating at least \$5m in new investment
 - 9.3 Launch two initiatives to strengthen clinical trial infrastructure, aiming for a 10% increase in trials in Adelaide within three years
 - 9.4 Demonstrate ROI through increased economic activity in the city (revenue, secured funding, investment, jobs, accommodation and visitor spend).

Question 2

10. The ThincSeed program delivered by ThincLab has two tiers - a Pre-Accelerator for 70 participants, from which high-potential city businesses are selected for tailored Accelerator support, with top participants eligible for the ThincSeed Investment Fund. The model aims to strengthen Adelaide’s start-up ecosystem, improve seed investment deal flow, and increase angel investor engagement.
11. Over the life of the present agreement, the program’s focus will be on:
 - 11.1 delivering a Pre-Accelerator program for 70 emerging companies/entrepreneurs
 - 11.2 delivering an Accelerator program for high potential emerging companies/entrepreneurs.
12. The program will deliver benefits by:
 - 12.1 helping participants accelerate research commercialisation
 - 12.2 providing Adelaide emerging companies and entrepreneurs with more sophisticated and effective start-up support services
 - 12.3 supporting growth in start-ups establishing in Adelaide’s CBD
 - 12.4 increasing venture funding volume and value, targeting \$500,000–\$1,000,000 in equity/debt funding across participants.

Question 3

13. Earlier this year the AEDA Board allocated funds from the Strategic Partnerships Program (with funding subject to the City of Adelaide’s annual budget process) for the next three financial years.
14. Program guidelines will be revised and considered by the AEDA Board prior to the next funding round being opened (likely to occur in late 2027). Without discussion by the Board at that time, administration cannot

provide a view on whether or not the Board would adopt criteria to ensure recipients of grants under the program should be located on rateable land in the City of Adelaide. The current program already ensures funded proposals benefit city ratepayers as the assessment criteria assesses alignment with Council priorities for the City, encourages innovation in approaches to accelerate economic activity in the city and ensures it provides value for money through both the competitive process but also the applicant organisation's capability and track record.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.
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