



CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

Minutes

for the meeting on

Tuesday, 5 August 2025

in the Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall

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Present – The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith

Councillor Snape (Chair)

Councillor Giles (Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin and Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Couros, Davis and Dr Siebentritt

1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair 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 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Nil

3 Confirmation of Minutes - 1/7/2025

Moved by Lord Mayor,
Seconded by Councillor Davis -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee held on 1 July 2025, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

5 Deputations

Nil

6 Workshops

6.1 Park Lands Licence Request – Department for Human Services - External Presentation

Discussion Facilitators:

Sandy Pitcher, Chief Executive for the Department of Human Services
Superintendent Scott Denny, SA Police
Alex Reid, Head of Community and Aboriginal Partnerships, Department of Human Services

Precis of Topic:

To give Council Members an update on the Safer Place to Gather initiative, which provides vulnerable remote Aboriginal visitors a culturally safe, temporary, place to socialise, seek shelter and access support, in support of their request for an extension to the Park Lands licence.

During the presentation:

- Councillor Siebentritt entered the Colonel Light Room at 5.34 pm.
- Councillor Abrahamzadeh entered the Colonel Light Room at 5.37 pm.

7 Reports for Recommendation to Council

7.1 Park Lands Licence – Extension Request

The Chair sought leave of the meeting to suspend formal meeting procedures for a period of 2 minutes at 6.17 pm.

Leave was granted

The Chair sought leave of the meeting for an extension to the suspension of formal meeting procedures at 6.19 pm.

Leave was granted

Formal meeting procedures resumed at 6.21 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Davis,
Seconded by Councillor Giles -

THAT THE CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes that the Adelaide Park Lands Community Land Management Plan (CLMP) references the licenced use of the Adelaide Park Lands for emergency measures where the use is temporary and it provides an essential or urgent health, social or community service.
2. Approves the request from the Minister for Human Services, as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee held on 5 August 2025, for an additional licence from 1 September 2025 to 30 November 2025.
 - 2.1. Requests that the Department of Human Services attend the November 2025 meeting of the City Community Service and Cultural Committee to provide information on the alternate longer-term measures being implemented to support remote and regional Aboriginal visitors.
 - 2.2. Requests the Lord Mayor write to the Minister for Human Services expressing Councils concern with the lack of permanent solutions and funding to develop such a solution.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to negotiate with the State Government to grant an additional licence from 31 August 2025 until 30 November 2025 and to execute all documentation to give effect to the Adelaide Park Lands Licence Agreement.

The Chair sought leave of the meeting to adjourn the meeting until the adjournment of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee at 6.25 pm.

Leave was granted

The meeting resumed at 6.26 pm with all Council Members present.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and lost

It was then –

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Abrahimzadeh -

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 - 2.1. Requests that the Department of Human Services attend the November 2025 meeting of the City Community Service and Cultural Committee to provide information on the alternate longer-term measures being implemented to support remote and regional Aboriginal visitors.

- 2.2. Requests the Lord Mayor write to the Minister for Human Services expressing Councils concern with the lack of permanent solutions and funding to develop such a solution.
3. Requests that the Department of Human Services and the Administration implement a communication plan to create community awareness that the Safer Place to Gather will conclude on 30 June 2026, no less than two months prior to the licence end date.
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to negotiate with the State Government to grant an additional licence from 31 August 2025 until 30 June 2026 and to execute all documentation to give effect to the Adelaide Park Lands Licence Agreement.

Carried

8 Reports for Noting

Nil

Closure

The meeting closed at 6.40 pm

Councillor Snape
City Community Services and Culture Committee Chair

Documents Attached:

Nil