



COUNCIL

Minutes

for the meeting on

Tuesday, 26 May 2026

in the Council Chamber, Adelaide Town Hall

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Our Adelaide.
Bold.
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Present – The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith (Presiding)
Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon
Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Cabada, Couros, Davis, Freeman, Maher, Dr Siebentritt and Snape

1 Acknowledgement of Country

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

‘The City of Adelaide acknowledges the Kurna People of the Adelaide Plains as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today.

We acknowledge and honour their spiritual and cultural stewardship of this Country and recognise their deep and enduring relationship with its lands, waters, the sky, and all living things.

We pay our respects to Kurna Elders past and present and recognise the important role of emerging leaders in sustaining and strengthening culture.’

Councillor Snape entered the Council Chamber at 6.31 pm.

2 Acknowledgement of Colonel William Light

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

6 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Councillor Maher entered the Council Chamber at 6.33 pm.

Leave of Absence:

Councillors Giles and Martin

7 Confirmation of Minutes - 12/5/2026

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon,
Seconded by Councillor Abrahamzadeh -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12 May 2026, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings, subject to 'Councillor Snape' being replaced with 'Councillor Siebentritt' in relation to the first Point of Order recorded on page 7.

Carried

8 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Freeman declared a general conflict of interest in Item 13 [Recommendation 1 – Item 7.1 - Unnamed public road between Young Street and Eliza Street], pursuant to Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) as it relates to operations of her employer Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT), but that she would stay in the room, participate in the debate and vote on the matter.

Councillor Abrahamzadeh declared a general conflict of interest in Item 14.1 [Support for People Sleeping Rough during Tier 2 Code Blue Activations], pursuant to Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) as his employer provides homelessness services, but that he would stay in the room, participate in the debate and vote on the matter.

9 Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)**9.1 Draft 2026/27 Business Plan & Budget Consultation – Public Meeting**

The Lord Mayor advised the meeting of the process for the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan & Budget Consultation – Public Meeting.

The Lord Mayor called forward Hrithik Patel, who was not present.

The Lord Mayor called forward Mr Alex Reilly, to address the Council on the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan & Budget.

The Lord Mayor thanked Mr Reilly for his presentation and response to questions.

The Lord Mayor called forward Hrithik Patel, who was still not present.

The Lord Mayor called forward Ms Gabrielle Leonello, to address the Council on the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan & Budget.

The Lord Mayor thanked Ms Leonello for her presentation and response to questions.

The Lord Mayor called forward Mr Andrew Wallace, to address the Council on the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan & Budget.

During the presentation, Councillor Davis left the Council Chamber at 7.15 pm and re-entered at 7.16 pm.

The Lord Mayor thanked Mr Wallace for his presentation and response to questions.

The Lord Mayor called forward Mr Nick Scarvelis, to address the Council on the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan & Budget.

During the presentation, Councillor Davis left the Council Chamber at 7.35 pm and re-entered at 7.36 pm.

The Lord Mayor thanked Mr Scarvelis for his presentation and response to questions.

The Lord Mayor called forward Hrithik Patel, who was still not present.

There were no further members of the public present who wished to be heard.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Maher –

THAT COUNCIL

1. Acknowledges the community members appearing before Council to make a submission, representation or deputation on the City of Adelaide Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget.

Carried

10 Deputations

Nil

11 Petitions

Nil

12 Recommendations of the City Finance and Governance Committee - 19 May 2026

Moved by Councillor Siebentritt,
Seconded by Councillor Snape -

12.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 7.1 - 2025/26 Business Plan & Budget Q3 ReviewTHAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives the City of Adelaide 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget Quarter 3 Review as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 May 2026.
2. Approves adjustments for the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget (BP&B) as identified in this report and contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 May 2026.
3. Notes the year-to-date Operating (Financial Performance) for the quarter ending 31 March 2026, which includes:
 - 3.1. An operating surplus of \$20.684m (\$11.299m higher than the budget of \$9.385m, for the period)
 - 3.2. Total operating revenue of \$191.308m (\$2.865m higher than the budget of \$188.443m, for the period)
 - 3.3. Total operating expenses (including depreciation) of \$170.624m (\$8.434m lower than the budget of \$179.058m, for the period)
 - 3.4. Total Capital Expenditure of \$54.389m (\$3.196m higher than the budget of \$51.193m, for the period)
 - 3.5. Net cash surplus position of \$10.091m.
4. Approves budgeted year end Operating Position, which includes:
 - 4.1. An operating surplus of \$8.541m (consistent with the adopted budget of \$8.541m)
 - 4.2. Total operating revenue of \$255.864m (\$2.582m higher than the Q2 budget of \$253.282m)
 - 4.3. Total operating expenses (including depreciation) of \$247.323m (\$2.582m higher than the Q2 budget of \$244.741m).
5. Approves total capital expenditure of \$112.274m for 2025/26 year (\$8.389m lower than the Q2 budget of \$120.663m).
6. Approves total borrowings of \$45.828m projected to 30 June 2026 (\$4.849m lower than the Q2 projected borrowings of \$50.677m to 30 June 2026).
7. Receives the Council Subsidiary Quarter 3 Reviews as contained as Attachments B, C, D and E to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 May 2026.

12.2 Recommendation 2 - Item 7.2 - Adoption of Caretaker PolicyTHAT COUNCIL

1. Adopts the Caretaker Policy as contained in Attachment A to the Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 May 2026, subject to a variation to the policy to include a public meeting(s) of candidates held and resourced by the Council.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor editorial and formatting changes as required to finalise the Caretaker 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 18 May 2026.
3. Notes that the Lord Mayor and Chief Executive Officer have received a request from the No. 24 (City of Adelaide) (Auxiliary) Squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force to exercise their right to Freedom of Entry to the City of Adelaide to commemorate their 75th Anniversary on 24 October 2026.
4. Approves the Lord Mayor to exercise all civic and ceremonial functions and duties required to facilitate the Freedom of Entry to the City of Adelaide to the No. 24 (City of Adelaide) (Auxiliary) Squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force.

12.3 Recommendation 2 - Item 7.3 - Community Engagement Policy ConsultationTHAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the updated draft City of Adelaide Community Engagement Policy (CoA Policy), as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 May 2026 for the purpose of community engagement.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary changes, together with any editorial amendments and finalisation of the document's formatting and graphic design, to the draft City of Adelaide Community Engagement Policy arising from the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 May 2026 to be presented to the meeting of Council on 26 May 2026 for final adoption for the purposes of community engagement.
3. Endorses Administration undertaking community engagement on the draft CoA Policy between 3 June 2026 to 2 July 2026.

Discussion ensued

Amendment –

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon,
Seconded by Councillor Maher -

That Recommendation 2 - Item 7.2 - Adoption of Caretaker Policy – be amended to read as follows:

'THAT COUNCIL

1. Adopts the Caretaker Policy as contained in Attachment A to the Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 19 May 2026, subject to a variation to the policy to include a public meeting(s) of candidates held and resourced by the Council.
2. Requests the Chief Executive Officer, prior to the commencement of the election period, to ensure that Council subsidiaries and any other Council entities to which the Caretaker Policy applies are provided with guidance on the application of the Caretaker Policy.
3. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to commence consultation with the Minister for Planning regarding the application of caretaker principles to Kadatilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority during the election period, including appropriate guidance for its board or governing body in relation to public-facing activities, communications, events, public engagement, branding, use of resources and Council Member involvement.
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor editorial and formatting changes as required to finalise the Caretaker 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 18 May 2026.

5. Notes that the Lord Mayor and Chief Executive Officer have received a request from the No. 24 (City of Adelaide) (Auxiliary) Squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force to exercise their right to Freedom of Entry to the City of Adelaide to commemorate their 75th Anniversary on 24 October 2026.
6. Approves the Lord Mayor to exercise all civic and ceremonial functions and duties required to facilitate the Freedom of Entry to the City of Adelaide to the No. 24 (City of Adelaide) (Auxiliary) Squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force.'

Discussion continued

The amendment to Recommendation 2 of the motion, was then put and carried

Discussion continued, during which the Lord Mayor advised that the motion would be taken in parts.

Recommendation 1 of the motion, was then put and carried

Recommendation 2 of the motion, as amended, was then put and carried

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

Division

For (6):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon and Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Freeman, Maher, Siebentritt and Snape

Against (3):

Councillors Cabada, Couros and Davis

The division was declared in favour of the motion

Recommendation 3 of the motion, was then put and carried

13 Recommendations of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee - 19 May 2026

Moved by Councillor Maher,
Seconded by Councillor Snape –

13.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 7.1 - Unnamed public road between Young Street and Eliza Street

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves, pursuant to section 15 of the *Roads (Opening & Closing) Act 1991 (SA)*, making a 'Road Process Order' to:
 - 1.1 Close the public road lettered 'A' on Preliminary Plan 25/0004 as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 19 May 2026.
 - 1.2 Transfer the closed road to Young Gun Collective Pty Ltd, with the closed road to exist on its own certificate of title.
2. Approves, pursuant to section 18 of the *Roads (Opening & Closing) Act 1991 (SA)* granting the following easements over the land lettered 'A' on Preliminary Plan 25/0004 as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 19 May 2026:
 - 2.1. An easement in favour of the South Australian Water Corporation for sewerage purposes (as described in Schedule 6 of the *Real Property Act 1886 (SA)*).
 - 2.2. The easement shown as Annexure 2 in the Deed relating to this matter (dated 21 May 2024) in favour of the following parties (noting that Annexure 2 to the Deed is shown as contained in Attachment B to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 19 May 2026):
 - 2.2.1. The registered proprietor of the land contained within Certificate of Title

Volume 5221 Folio 221 (Allotment 1 in Filed Plan 25139), with the easement being annexed to that land.

- 2.2.2. The registered proprietor of the land contained within Certificate of Title Volume 6257 Folio 634 (Unit 1 in Strata Corporation No. 7865 Inc.), with the easement being annexed to that land.
 - 2.2.3. The registered proprietor of the land contained within Certificate of Title Volume 6257 Folio 635 (Unit 2 in Strata Corporation No. 7865 Inc.), with the easement being annexed to that land.
 - 2.2.4. The registered proprietor of the land contained within Certificate of Title Volume 6257 Folio 636 (Unit 3 in Strata Corporation No. 7865 Inc.), with the easement being annexed to that land.
 - 2.2.5. The registered proprietor of the land contained within Certificate of Title Volume 6257 Folio 634 (Common Property in Strata Corporation No. 7865 Inc.), with the easement being annexed to that land.
- 2.3. The easement shown as Annexure 3 in the Deed relating to this matter (dated 21 May 2024) in favour of the Corporation of the City of Adelaide, noting that Annexure 3 to the Deed is shown as Attachment C to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 19 May 2026.
3. Approves, pursuant to section 18 of the *Roads (Opening & Closing) Act 1991* (SA) granting an easement in favour of Australian Gas Networks (SA) Limited for gas supply purposes (as described in Schedule 6 of the Real Property Act 1886 (SA)) over the land bordered in red (indicatively) as contained in Attachment D to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 19 May 2026.
 4. Authorises the Lord Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign and affix Council's Common Seal to a 'Road Process Order', Agreement for Transfer, or any other documents to give effect to Council's decision.

13.2 Recommendation 2 - Item 7.2 - Capital Works Monthly Project Update - April 2026

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Capital Works Program Update for 30 April 2026 as contained within this report and Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 19 May 2026.

13.3 Recommendation 3 - Item 7.3 - Public Realm Greening Program - Revised Tree Planting Overview

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Public Realm Greening Program – Revised Tree Planting Overview as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 19 May 2026.
2. Proceeds with the planting program proposed for FY27 and to include an investigation of investment in Walter Street, North Adelaide.
3. Requests the administration to further revise the content of the plan during Q1 of FY27 in relation to the ability to meet future canopy cover targets, informed by the number of plantable opportunities in streets and Park Lands.

13.4 Recommendation 4 - Item 7.4 - Lease Variation Tennis SA and Memorial Drive Tennis Club (Park 26)

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the request from Tennis SA and Memorial Drive Tennis Club to vary the Leased areas under their respective Lease arrangements to reflect completed court reconfiguration works.
2. Approves the proposed minor Lease variations as contained in Deeds of Variation of Lease in Attachment A and Attachment B to Item 7.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the

Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 19 May 2026.

3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer and the Lord Mayor to execute the Deeds of Variation of Lease and associated documentation and affix as necessary the Common Seal of the Council to give effect to the above-mentioned decision.

Carried

14 Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)

14.1 Support for People Sleeping Rough during Tier 2 Code Blue Activations

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon -

That Council defers Item 14.1 - Support for People Sleeping Rough during Tier 2 Code Blue Activations, to a future Council meeting until after Councillor Martin returns from his approved leave of absence.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

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

Division

For (5):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon and Councillors Freeman, Maher, Siebentritt and Snape

Against (4):

Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Cabada, Couros and Davis

The division was declared in favour of the motion

15 Lord Mayor's Reports

The Lord Mayor addressed the meeting on the following:

- Acknowledgement of the recent announcement that the Lord Mayor intends to stand as a Lord Mayoral candidate in the November 2026 Local Government Elections.
- Attendance at the Celebration of Life for Legh Hewitson Davis.
- To congratulate staff, particularly Ellen Liebelt, Project Manager, City Housing, for the recent commendation received at the Planning Institute Australia 2026 National Awards for Planning Excellence for ARCHI, our Adaptive Reuse City Housing Initiative.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Siebentritt –

That the report be received and noted.

Carried

16 Councillors' Reports

16.1 Reports from Council Members

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon addressed the meeting regarding the 100-year re-enactment of Australia's first transcontinental motor tour, return from Adelaide to Darwin.

Councillor Freeman addressed the meeting about her attendance at the recent meeting of the Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee.

Councillor Siebentritt addressed the meeting regarding the recent passing of Australian of the Year, Neale Daniher and acknowledged his significant contribution to motor neurone disease and medical research advocacy.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Davis,
Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Council Member activities and functions attended on behalf of the Lord Mayor as contained in Attachment A to Item 16.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 26 May 2026.
2. Notes the summary of meeting attendance by Council Members as contained in Attachment B to Item 16.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 26 May 2026.
3. Notes that reports from Council Members tabled at the meeting of the Council held on 26 May 2026 will be included in the Minutes of the meeting.

Carried

17 Motions on Notice

17.1 Councillor Davis - MoN - MotoGP

Moved by Councillor Davis,
Seconded by Councillor Snape -

That:

1. The Administration provide a briefing to Council Members, within the next 3 weeks, regarding the proposed MotoGP event and associated circuit proposal within the City of Adelaide, where available information exists, including but not limited to:
 - 1.1 Details of the proposed track alignment and infrastructure requirements;
 - 1.2 Any known impacts on the Adelaide Park Lands, including:
 - 1.2.1 Potential tree removal;
 - 1.2.2 Vegetation impacts;
 - 1.2.3 Temporary structures;
 - 1.2.4 Hardstand requirements; and
 - 1.2.5 Any temporary or permanent encroachment into the Park Lands;
 - 1.3 The anticipated economic benefits of the proposal, including:
 - 1.3.1 Tourism projections;
 - 1.3.2 Accommodation impacts;
 - 1.3.3 Hospitality impacts; and
 - 1.3.4 Visitation projections;
 - 1.4 Proposed setup and pack down timeframes, including:
 - 1.4.1 Likely duration of road closures;
 - 1.4.2 Access restrictions; and
 - 1.4.3 Impacts on residents, businesses and commuters;
 - 1.5 Any anticipated impacts on:
 - 1.5.1 Public transport operations;
 - 1.5.2 Freight movement; and
 - 1.5.3 General city accessibility;
 - 1.6 Any information currently known regarding:
 - 1.6.1 Noise impacts;
 - 1.6.2 Lighting impacts;

- 1.6.3 Crowd management; and
- 1.6.4 Event operations;
- 1.7 Any known financial contribution, underwriting, logistical support or in-kind assistance that may be sought from the City of Adelaide.
- 2. The Administration provide Council with an estimated cost for the engagement of an independent expert or consultant to evaluate the feasibility of the proposed circuit and associated infrastructure, including assessment of:
 - 2.1 Engineering feasibility of the course;
 - 2.2 Impacts on the Adelaide Park Lands;
 - 2.3 Potential tree loss or damage;
 - 2.4 Temporary and permanent encroachment into the Park Lands;
 - 2.5 Environmental impacts;
 - 2.6 Traffic and transport impacts; and
 - 2.7 Likely operational impacts on the City.
- 3. The Administration provide Council with an estimated cost for a public awareness and community consultation campaign directed toward:
 - 3.1 Residents and businesses located in proximity to the proposed circuit;
 - 3.2 Regular city commuters and visitors; and
 - 3.3 The broader Adelaide community,
- 4. That the Lord Mayor write to the Minister seeking further information regarding the proposal, including:
 - 4.1 Estimates of trees likely to be impacted; removed or Subject to pruning;
 - 4.2 Anticipated setup and pack down periods;
 - 4.3 Proposed road closures and traffic management arrangements;
 - 4.4 Estimated impacts on:
 - 4.4.1 Public transport operations;
 - 4.4.2 Commuter movement; and
 - 4.4.3 General city accessibility;
 - 4.5 Expected noise impacts and proposed mitigation measures;
 - 4.6 Anticipated attendance numbers and crowd management plans;
 - 4.7 Any proposed permanent infrastructure works associated with the event;
 - 4.8 Environmental impact assessments undertaken or proposed;
 - 4.9 Any preliminary economic modelling or business case prepared in relation to the proposal; and
 - 4.10 Any consultation undertaken to date with:
 - 4.10.1 Residents;
 - 4.10.2 Businesses;
 - 4.10.3 Local stakeholders; and
 - 4.10.4 Community groups.'

Discussion ensued

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Freeman,
Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon –

That the motion be amended to read as follows:

'That:

1. The Administration request a briefing by the South Australian Motor Sport Board to Council Members, within the next 3 weeks, regarding the proposed MotoGP event and associated circuit proposal within the City of Adelaide, including but not limited to:
 - 1.1 Details of the proposed track alignment and infrastructure requirements;
 - 1.2 Any known impacts on the Adelaide Park Lands, including:
 - 1.2.1 Potential tree removal;
 - 1.2.2 Vegetation impacts;
 - 1.2.3 Temporary structures;
 - 1.2.4 Hardstand requirements; and
 - 1.2.5 Any temporary or permanent encroachment into the Park Lands;
 - 1.3 The anticipated economic benefits of the proposal, including:
 - 1.3.1 Tourism projections;
 - 1.3.2 Accommodation impacts;
 - 1.3.3 Hospitality impacts; and
 - 1.3.4 Visitation projections;
 - 1.4 Proposed setup and pack down timeframes, including:
 - 1.4.1 Likely duration of road closures;
 - 1.4.2 Access restrictions; and
 - 1.4.3 Impacts on residents, businesses and commuters;
 - 1.5 Any anticipated impacts on:
 - 1.5.1 Public transport operations;
 - 1.5.2 Freight movement; and
 - 1.5.3 General city accessibility;
 - 1.6 Any information currently known regarding:
 - 1.6.1 Noise impacts;
 - 1.6.2 Lighting impacts;
 - 1.6.3 Crowd management; and
 - 1.6.4 Event operations;
 - 1.7 Any known financial contribution, underwriting, logistical support or in-kind assistance that may be sought from the City of Adelaide.
 - 1.8 Feasibility of the proposed circuit and the associated infrastructure
 - 1.9 Details of a public awareness and community consultation campaign
2. That the Lord Mayor write to the Minister seeking further information regarding the proposal, including:
 - 2.1 Estimates of trees likely to be impacted; removed or Subject to pruning;
 - 2.2 Anticipated setup and pack down periods;
 - 2.3 Proposed road closures and traffic management arrangements;
 - 2.4 Estimated impacts on:
 - 2.4.1 Public transport operations;
 - 2.4.2 Commuter movement; and
 - 2.4.3 General city accessibility;

- 2.5 Expected noise impacts and proposed mitigation measures;
- 2.6 Anticipated attendance numbers and crowd management plans;
- 2.7 Any proposed permanent infrastructure works associated with the event;
- 2.8 Environmental impact assessments undertaken or proposed;
- 2.9 Any preliminary economic modelling or business case prepared in relation to the proposal; and
- 2.10 Any consultation undertaken to date with:
 - 2.10.1 Residents;
 - 2.10.2 Businesses;
 - 2.10.3 Local stakeholders; and
 - 2.10.4 Community groups.'

Discussion ensued, during which:

- Councillor Abrahamzadeh left the meeting at 8.18 pm.
- Councillor Couros left the Council Chamber at 8.35 pm.

The amendment was then put and carried

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon requested that a division be taken on the amendment.

Division

For (4):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon and Councillors Freeman, Maher and Siebentritt

Against (3):

Councillors Cabada, Davis and Snape

The division was declared in favour of the amendment

Discussion continued, during which, Councillor Couros re-entered the Colonel Light Room at 8.38 pm and then left the meeting at 8.44 pm.

The motion was then put and carried

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

Division

For (5):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon and Councillors Freeman, Maher, Siebentritt and Snape

Against (2):

Councillors Cabada and Davis

18 Motions without Notice

Nil

19 Questions on Notice

19.1 Councillor Freeman - QoN - Youth Advisory Committee

19.2 Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon - QoN - Festival Tower / Walker Corporation Rates Contribution

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

The Replies for Items 19.1 – 19.2, are attached for reference at the end of the minutes of the meeting.

20 Questions without Notice

Nil

Closure

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Dr Jane Lomax-Smith
Lord Mayor

Date of confirmation:

Documents Attached:

Item 19.1 – 19.2 - Question on Notice Replies – Distributed Separately

Councillor Freeman - QoN - Youth Advisory Committee

Tuesday, 26 May 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Eleanor Freeman

Public

Contact Officer:
Jo Podoliak, Director City
Community

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Eleanor Freeman will ask the following Question on Notice:

'The City of Adelaide has a comparatively younger residential population than Greater Adelaide, with almost half of residents (47.1%) aged between 18-34 years old, compared with just 22.8% across Greater Adelaide, as recorded at the 2021 census.

Has the City of Adelaide ever facilitated a Youth Advisory Committee, or equivalent engagement mechanism, focused on amplifying the perspectives of younger residents, workers and visitors in Council decision-making?

If so, what form did this take, when did it operate and what recommendations were delivered?'

REPLY

1. The City of Adelaide has previously undertaken a range of initiatives aimed at engaging younger residents, students and visitors.
2. Council endorsed the Youth Strategy and Action Plan (2010–2014) on 8 February 2010. Developed in consultation with young people, the Strategy included 54 actions focused on increasing engagement opportunities, projects, events and initiatives that would attract and support young people within the city.
3. In addition to the Youth Strategy and Action Plan, the City of Adelaide facilitated a Youth Council initiative in 2015 as part of the Council's 175-year celebrations. The initiative provided an opportunity for young people to contribute perspectives and ideas relevant to civic participation, community outcomes and the future direction of the city.
4. While the Youth Council was considered a valuable engagement initiative, it was established as a project-specific activity rather than an ongoing or permanent advisory mechanism. As such, the City of Adelaide has not maintained a standing Youth Council or equivalent formal youth advisory body on a continuous basis.
5. While a formal Youth Council is not currently in place, the City of Adelaide continues to engage with younger members of the community through a range of contemporary engagement approaches. This currently includes collaboration with the Art Gallery of South Australia's Neo Ambassadors (a volunteer committee of young people aged 13 to 17) and event participants which have been an important mechanism for obtaining youth perspectives.
6. The Neo Ambassadors have recently contributed feedback and input into the development of Council strategic work including the Cultural Policy, Teen Collections and spaces within the library, and most recently, the Draft Community Wellbeing Strategy. The Neo Ambassadors have been integral in helping to ensure that the views and aspirations of younger people are reflected in future planning and service delivery.

7. From a broader community engagement perspective, the City of Adelaide does not currently have a standalone or formalised engagement mechanism specifically dedicated to young people. Rather, Council seeks to ensure that its community engagement practices are accessible, inclusive and designed to encourage participation from all demographic groups, including younger residents, workers and visitors.
8. Where appropriate, individual engagement projects may incorporate a specific youth focus or targeted engagement activities to ensure younger perspectives are captured. These approaches are considered on a project-by-project basis depending on the subject matter, community impact and intended outcomes of the engagement process.
9. The Office of the Lord Mayor also made available the use of our civic rooms for meetings of the South Australian Youth Forum in 2023 and 2024.
10. During the period in 2025 when Australia was bidding to host the COP in Adelaide in November this year, it was envisaged that the City of Adelaide would coordinate and host a Youth Town Hall COP for young people between the ages of 13 and 17.
11. Notwithstanding the disappointment of not being awarded hosting rights for this year's COP, discussions are progressing about organising a Youth Climate Change Forum involving local schools in the City of Adelaide. It is envisaged that the Forum would be coordinated in partnership with and run by young people who go to school in our local area.
12. Subject to a successful event, other similar Forums could be developed which focus on topics which are of interest to young people in the 13 to 17 age bracket. Informal discussions about these events are being progressed with the Commissioner for Children and Young People.

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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- END OF REPORT -

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon - QoN - Festival Tower / Walker Corporation Rates Contribution

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Council Member

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor
Carmel Noon

Public

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Carmel Noon will ask the following Question on Notice:

1. Is the land and/or building known as Festival Tower / One Festival Tower / Walker Tower currently assessed as rateable land by the City of Adelaide?
2. If not, what is the legal basis for any exemption, including whether the land is treated as Crown land or otherwise exempt under section 147 of the Local Government Act 1999?
3. If yes, for each relevant property or component, can Administration provide:
 - o the financial year from which payments commenced;
 - o whether payments are made directly to Council, via the State Government, or by another mechanism; and
 - o whether the amount is equivalent to what would otherwise be payable if the property were fully rateable commercial land?
4. If a "local government rate equivalent" is payable to the State rather than Council, does the City of Adelaide receive any portion of that payment?

REPLY

1. The land and building known as Festival Tower is assessed as rateable by the City of Adelaide. Under Section 147(1) of the *Local Government Act 1999* ("the Act"), all land within the area of council is rateable, except for land exempted under Section 147(2).
 - 1.1. Pursuant to Section 147(1), the City of Adelaide currently rates all areas associated with the Festival Tower except:
 - 1.1.1. Eight floors occupied by Flinders University,
 - 1.1.2. One hundred secure carparking spaces designated for Parliament House, and
 - 1.1.3. Three hundred carparking spaces designated for Festival Theatre parking.

2. Section 147(2) of the Act provides the legal basis for councils to exempt rates under specific circumstances.
 - 2.1. The floors occupied by Flinders University are exempted through Section 147(2)(c) of the Act - *land (not including domestic or residential premises) occupied by a university established by statute is not rateable.*
 - 2.2. The 100 carparks designated to Parliament House were exempted through Section 147(2)(b) – *“land held or used by the Crown... for a public purpose”.*
 - 2.3. The 300 Festival Theatre carparks were exempted through Section 147(2)(h) – *“land that is exempt... by virtue of another Act” (Festival Theatre Act (1964).*
3. All rates have been paid direct by Walker Corporation to Council in 2024/25 and 2025/26. The year in which each property assessment became rateable, and payments received are listed below. Rates were assessed the same as other rateable commercial (non-residential) properties across the City.

Occupier	Level / Floor	Rateable Year
Wilson Parking (Carpark)	King William Road	2021-22
East End Cellars	Ground Shop 1	2024-25
Vacant	Ground Shop 2	2024-25
Pickle in the City	Ground Shop 3	2024-25
Westpac/Bank SA Level	Level 8	2024-25
Westpac/Bank SA Level	Level 9	2024-25
Westpac/Bank SA Level	Level 10	2024-25
Westpac/Bank SA Level	Level 11	2024-25
Westpac/Bank SA Level	Level 12	2024-25
Sparke Helmore Lawyers	Level 13	2024-25
Commonwealth Government	Level 13	2024-25
Allianz	Level 15	2024-25
Allianz	Level 16	2024-25
Mott MacDonald	Level 17	2024-25
Origin Energy	Level 18	2024-25
Origin Energy	Level 19	2024-25
Vacant	Level 20	2024-25
Vacant	Level 21	2024-25
China Construction Bank Level	Level 22	2024-25
Deloitte	Level 22	2024-25
Walker Corporation	Level 22	2024-25
Deloitte	Level 23	2024-25
Deloitte	Level 24	2024-25
Deloitte	Level 25	2024-25
Commonwealth Government	Level 26	2024-25
Commonwealth Government	Level 27	2024-25
Naming Rights - Bank SA	Sign	2024-25
Naming Rights - Deloitte Station	Sign	2024-25
Naming Rights - Westpac Station	Sign	2024-25

4. No “rate equivalent” has been paid to the State Government for any of the rated properties.

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