



CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes

for the Special meeting Reconvened on

Thursday, 2 October 2025

in the Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall

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Present – Councillor Maher (Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape and Councillors Abrahimzadeh, Couros, Davis,
Freeman, Martin and Noon

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

Apology:

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

Leave of Absence:

Councillors Cabada, Giles and Siebentritt

3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

4 Deputations

Nil

5 Reports for Recommendation to Council

5.1 2025/26 - 2034/35 Long Term Financial Plan - Draft for Public Consultation

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Davis entered the Colonel Light Room at 5.37 pm.

Undertakings - 2025/26 - 2034/35 Long Term Financial Plan - Draft for Public Consultation

In response to queries from Council Members, the following undertakings were given to provide Council members with:

- The number of responses to the last round of consultation on the Long Term Financial Plan
- The plan for the consultation period.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Martin,

Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape -

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the Draft 2025/2026 – 2034/35 Long Term Financial Plan document contained in Attachment A to Item 5.1 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 2 October 2025 for the purpose of public consultation.
2. Asks Administration to incorporate 1.5% of annual rates revenue, inclusive of renewal and new and upgrade capital funds, for the purposes of delivery of the ‘Adelaide Park Lands Community Buildings (Sport and Recreation) Investment Plan’ into the draft Long Term Financial Plan for consultation.
3. Approves a 21 day Public Consultation period in accordance with the Local Government Act (1999) (SA), commencing at 9.00am on Wednesday 15 October 2025 and concluding at 11.59pm on Tuesday

4 November 2025.

4. Notes the long term financial sustainability of the Long Term Financial Plan 2024/25 to 2033/34 based on the adopted assumptions.
5. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary changes to the draft 2025/26 Long Term Financial Plan document arising from this meeting, together with any editorial amendments and finalisation of the document's formatting and graphic design.

Discussion ensued

Councillor Davis called a Point of Order in relation to the motion being ultra-vires.

The Acting Chair ruled against the Point of Order.

Undertakings - 2025/26 - 2034/35 Long Term Financial Plan - Draft for Public Consultation

In response to queries from Council Members, the following undertakings were given to provide Council members with legal advice to clarify that the consultation process does not contravene s122(1b) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA).

Councillor Martin called a Point of Order in relation to Councillor Davis' comments regarding the use of specific legal providers.

The Acting Chair ruled against the Point of Order.

Councillor Davis called a Point of Order in relation to Councillor Martin's comments who he felt was encouraging a breach of the *Local Government Act, 1999* (SA).

The Acting Chair ruled against the Point of Order.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape called a Point of Order in relation to Councillor Davis breaching regulation 29 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*, due to Councillor Davis behaving in an improper and disorderly manner and calling Councillor Martin a liar.

Councillor Davis made a personal explanation in relation to the Point of Order called by Councillor Martin in accordance with Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*.

The Acting Chair ruled in favour of the point of order and asked Councillor Davis to leave the Colonel Light Room at 6.22 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Noon,

Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape –

That Councillor Davis has contravened regulation 29 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*, by behaving in an improper and disorderly manner.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Noon,

Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape –

That Councillor Davis be suspended for the remainder of the Committee meeting.

Carried

Councillor Davis was found to have left the building.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously

Closure

The meeting closed at 6.29 pm

Councillor Maher
City Finance and Governance Committee Acting Chair

Documents Attached:

Nil