

Built Heritage Management Policy Review for Approval

Strategic Alignment - Our Places

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City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek the endorsement of the amended Built Heritage Management Policy (the Policy) as contained in **Attachment A**, which will replace the:

- Built Heritage Management Policy, dated 8 November 2016 ([Link 1](#)), and the
- North Adelaide Public Realm Policy ([Link 2](#)).

This Policy covers the conservation and promotion of built heritage places, historic character streetscapes, historic areas, archaeology, designed landscapes and public realm elements of Adelaide, North Adelaide and the Adelaide Park Lands.

The Policy's scope has been broadened to include built heritage and the public realm in North Adelaide, Adelaide, and the Adelaide Park Lands.

Key amendments to the Policy include:

- Broadening the definition of built heritage and including designed landscapes, archaeology, public realm elements, adaptive reuse and cultural heritage within the Policy's purpose.
- Expanding the policy scope to include Adelaide, North Adelaide and the Adelaide Park Lands.
- Inserting references to key related City of Adelaide strategic and policy documents, including the Heritage Strategy 2021-2036, and the National Heritage Management Plan (NHMP).
- Removing redundant references to the former City of Adelaide Strategic Plan and the Adelaide (City) Development Plan.
- Removing Policy Restrictions and Key Performance Indicators as these are captured in City of Adelaide strategic documents.
- Providing a more comprehensive glossary including definitions of new terms such as cultural heritage.
- Updating references to relevant legislation.
- Formatting to the current Council Policy template and consequential amendments to the review history.

Pending the Council's decision on the Policy, the Chief Executive Officer is responsible for finalising the Built Heritage Management (Public Realm) Operating Guidelines (the draft Operating Guidelines) (**Attachment B**).

The Operating Guidelines will replace the existing North Adelaide Public Realm Operating Guidelines ([Link 3](#)).

RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 11 February 2025 for consideration

THAT THE CITY PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the expanded scope of the Built Heritage Management Policy to cover the conservation and promotion of built heritage places, adaptive reuse, historic streetscapes, historic areas, archaeology, designed landscapes and public realm elements of Adelaide, North Adelaide and the Adelaide Park Lands.
 2. Adopts the Built Heritage Management Policy as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 4 February 2025, to replace the Built Heritage Management Policy, dated 8 November 2016, *North Adelaide Public Realm Policy* and *North Adelaide Public Realm Operating Guidelines*.
 3. Notes the Built Heritage Management (Public Realm) Operating Guidelines as contained in Attachment B to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 4 February 2025 to be finalised by the Chief Executive Officer.
 4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to make minor typographical, syntactical and technical amendments to the documents as contained in Attachment A and Attachment B to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee held on 4 February 2025, for the purposes of finalising the documents.
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Places Encourage bold, interesting and purposeful development that supports the changing needs of our community and city.
Policy	This report delivers consolidation of Council policies as it proposes to amend the Built Heritage Management Policy 2016 (Link 1) and replace the <i>North Adelaide Public Realm Policy</i> (Link 2) and <i>North Adelaide Public Realm Operating Guidelines</i> (Link 3) (formally known as the North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Public Realm Charter).
Consultation	Public consultation on the Policy is not proposed as it does not relate to private property. It is a guide for the Administration.
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	The Policy has been amended to include a broader definition of built heritage, including designed landscapes, archaeology, public realm elements, adaptive reuse, and cultural heritage. References to the city refer to Adelaide, North Adelaide, and the Adelaide Park Lands.
24/25 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 25/26 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	The Policy includes a five year review schedule with the next scheduled review due in 2030.
24/25 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Where the replacement of public realm elements relates to finite historic materials that can no longer be accessed or replaced, a suitable alternative in keeping with the visual setting will be used.
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

Background

1. The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement of the amended Built Heritage Management Policy (the Policy) as contained in **Attachment A**, which will replace the:
 - 1.1. Built Heritage Management Policy, dated 8 November 2016 ([Link 1](#)), and the
 - 1.2. North Adelaide Public Realm Policy ([Link 2](#)).
2. The Policy was scheduled for review in 2021. The *National Heritage Management Plan for the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout* (the NHMP) was delivered in 2023/24.
3. The Policy review was undertaken in the first quarter of 2024/25 to enable alignment with the NHMP and the Council's *City Plan—Adelaide 2036*, which was endorsed on 10 September 2024.

Built Heritage Management Policy

4. The purpose of the Policy (**Attachment A**) is to set out the City of Adelaide's policy position and implementation approach to the conservation and promotion of built heritage.
5. This Policy covers the conservation and promotion of built heritage places, historic character streetscapes, historic areas, archaeology, designed landscapes and public realm elements of Adelaide, North Adelaide and the Adelaide Park Lands
6. The Policy's scope has been broadened to include built heritage and the public realm in North Adelaide, Adelaide, and the Adelaide Park Lands.
7. Information previously included in the North Adelaide Public Realm Policy ([Link 2](#)), is now addressed in the Policy.
8. Other key amendments to the Policy include:
 - 8.1. Broadening the definition of built heritage and including designed landscapes, archaeology, public realm elements, adaptive reuse and cultural heritage within the Policy's purpose.
 - 8.2. Expanding the policy scope to include Adelaide, North Adelaide and the Adelaide Park Lands.
 - 8.3. Inserting references to key related City of Adelaide strategic and policy documents, including the Heritage Strategy 2021-2036, and the NHMP.
 - 8.4. Removing redundant references to the former City of Adelaide Strategic Plan and the Adelaide (City) Development Plan.
 - 8.5. Removing Policy Restrictions and Key Performance Indicators as these are captured in City of Adelaide strategic documents.
 - 8.6. Providing a more comprehensive glossary including definitions of new terms such as cultural heritage.
 - 8.7. Updating references to relevant legislation.
 - 8.8. Formatting to the current Council Policy template and consequential amendments to the review history.
9. A marked version of the Policy changes is provided ([Link 4](#)) to assist in considering the amendments.

Related Policy Review Activity

10. Draft Built Heritage Management (Public Realm) Operating Guidelines (the draft Operating Guidelines) have been developed (**Attachment B**) to assist the City of Adelaide in managing historic elements in the public realm in Adelaide, North Adelaide, and the Adelaide Park Lands.
11. The draft Operating Guidelines will replace the existing North Adelaide Public Realm Operating Guidelines ([Link 3](#)).

Next Steps

12. Pending the Council's decision on the Policy (**Attachment A**), the Administration will update the corporate Policy Register and publish the Policy on the City of Adelaide's website.
13. The next review of the Policy will be scheduled for 2030.
14. Pending the Council's decision on the Policy, the Chief Executive Officer is responsible for finalising the Built Heritage Management (Public Realm) Operating Guidelines to guide work in the public realm by the City of Adelaide.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – Built Heritage Management Policy, 8 November 2016

Link 2 – North Adelaide Public Realm Policy

Link 3 – North Adelaide Public Realm Operating Guidelines

Link 4 – Built Heritage Management Policy – marked up version

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Built Heritage Management Policy for approval

Attachment B – Draft Built Heritage Management (Public Realm) Operating Guidelines for noting

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