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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), states that a Council may order that the public be excluded from attendance at a meeting if the Council considers it to be necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public to receive, discuss or consider in confidence any information or matter listed in section 90(3) of the Act.

It is the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer that the public be excluded from this Council meeting for the consideration of information and matters contained in the Agenda.

For the following Committee Reports for Recommendation to Council seeking consideration in confidence

- 21** Confidential Recommendations of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee – 5 August 2025 [section 90(3) (h), (i) & (m) of the Act]

The Order to Exclude for Item 21:

1. Identifies the information and matters (grounds) from section 90(3) of the Act utilised to request consideration in confidence.
2. Identifies the basis – how the information falls within the grounds identified and why it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public.
3. In addition, identifies for the following grounds – section 90(3) (b), (d) or (j) of the Act - how information open to the public would be contrary to the public interest.

ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 21

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (h), (i) & (m) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the Council dated 12 August 2025 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 21 [Confidential Recommendations of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee – 5 August 2025] listed on the Agenda in a meeting open to the public would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

Recommendation 1 – West Franklin Stage 2 Update

Grounds and Basis

This Item is confidential because it considers actual litigation and contains detailed legal advice for Council's consideration.

The disclosure of information in this report could reasonably prejudice Council in its decision-making process in relation to the next phase of the legal proceedings.

Recommendation 2 – 20th Century Local Heritage – Investigations Report

Grounds and Basis

This Item is confidential as the material presented contains information regarding potential new Local Heritage Places to be included in a future draft Code Amendment that is not appropriate to be made public prior to the commencement of public engagement, due to the identification of individual properties in the draft Code Amendment.

The disclosure of information in this report could reasonably breach confidentiality of information prior to public engagement of the draft Code Amendment.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 12 August 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 21 [Confidential Recommendations of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee – 5 August 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) (h), (i) & (m) of the Act.

DISCUSSION

1. Section 90(1) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act) directs that a meeting of Council must be conducted in a place open to the public.
2. Section 90(2) of the Act, states that a Council may order that the public be excluded from attendance at a meeting if Council considers it to be necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public to receive, discuss or consider in confidence any information or matter listed in section 90(3) of the Act.
3. Section 90(3) of the Act prescribes the information and matters that a Council may order that the public be excluded from.
4. Section 90(4) of the Act, advises that in considering whether an order should be made to exclude the public under section 90(2) of the Act, it is irrelevant that discussion of a matter in public may -
 - (a) *cause embarrassment to the council or council committee concerned, or to members or employees of the council; or*
 - (b) *cause a loss of confidence in the council or council committee; or*
 - (c) *involve discussion of a matter that is controversial within the council area; or*
 - (d) *make the council susceptible to adverse criticism.*
5. Section 90(7) of the Act requires that an order to exclude the public:
 - 5.1 Identify the information and matters (grounds) from section 90(3) of the Act utilised to request consideration in confidence.
 - 5.2 Identify the basis – how the information falls within the grounds identified and why it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public.
 - 5.3 In addition identify for the following grounds – section 90(3) (b), (d) or (j) of the Act - how information open to the public would be contrary to the public interest.
6. Section 83(5) of the Act has been utilised to identify in the Agenda and on the Report for the meeting, that the following report is submitted seeking consideration in confidence.
 - 6.1 Information contained in Item 21 – Confidential Recommendations of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee – 5 August 2025
 - 6.1.1 Is subject to Existing Confidentiality Orders dated 5/8/2025
 - 6.1.2 The grounds utilised to request consideration in confidence is section 90(3) (h), (i) & (m) of the Act
 - (h) legal advice.
 - (i) information relating to actual litigation, or litigation that the council or council committee believes on reasonable grounds will take place, involving the council or an employee of the council.
 - (m) information relating to a proposal to prepare or amend a designated instrument under Part 5 Division 2 of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 (SA)* before the draft instrument or amendment is released for public consultation under that Act.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

- END OF REPORT -