

Presiding Member's Annual Report

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Audit and Risk Committee

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Presiding Member's Annual Report summarises the activities of the Audit and Risk Committee during the 2024/25 financial year.

Pursuant to section 126(9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), the Presiding Member's Annual Report will be included in the City of Adelaide's Annual Report 2024/25.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

1. Receives the Presiding Member's Annual Report for the 2024/25 financial year as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 15 August 2025.
 2. Notes that the Presiding Members Annual Report for 2024/25 financial year as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 15 August 2025 will be included in the City of Adelaide's Annual Report as per section 126 (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA).
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation The Audit and Risk Committee function is to support and enable effective governance, risk management, accountability and transparency at all times in decision making. It also enables bold capital city leadership and robust governance with the community at the heart of decision making.
Policy	Pursuant to the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference, the Presiding Member shall report annually to the Audit and Risk Committee and Council summarising the activities of the Committee during the previous financial year.
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	<i>Local Government Act 1999 (SA)</i>
Opportunities	Open, transparent and informed decision making.
25/26 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 26/27 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report
25/26 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

1. Pursuant to the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference, the Presiding Member shall report annually to the Audit and Risk Committee and Council summarising the activities of the Committee during the previous financial year (**Attachment A**).
2. During the 2024/25 financial year, the Audit and Risk Committee held 6 ordinary and 2 special meetings.
3. Member representation on the Audit and Risk Committee was updated in December 2024 following the expiry of the Council Member appointments.
4. Proxy member representation was updated in April 2025 following the vacancy created due to orders made by the Court of Disputed Returns in relation to the matter of *Alexander Hyde v Electoral Commissioner of South Australia, Jing Li*.
5. A comprehensive breakdown of substantive items dealt with by the Audit and Risk Committee during the 2024/25 financial year is provided in **Attachment A** to this report.
6. Section 126 (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) states: A council must ensure that the annual report of its audit and risk committee is included in its annual report.
7. A copy of **Attachment A** will be included in the City of Adelaide's Annual Report.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Presiding Member's Annual Report for the 2024/25 financial year

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