

Exclusion of the Public

Friday, 15 August 2025

Audit and Risk Committee

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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 Committee 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 Audit and Risk Committee meeting for the consideration of information and matters contained in the Agenda.

12.1 Confidential - Paid Parking Review [section 90(3) (b) of the Act]

12.2 Confidential - Provision of External Audit Services - Procurement Plan [section 90(3) (k) of the Act]

12.3 Confidential - Penetration Testing Internal Audit – CyberCX [section 90(3) (e) of the Act]

The Order to Exclude for Items 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3:

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 12.1

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (b) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee dated 15 August 2025 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 12.1 [Confidential - Paid Parking Review] listed on the Agenda.

Grounds and Basis

The confidential information in this report contains information that could prejudice the commercial position of the Council in respect to current system limitations. Release of the budget information could prejudice Council's position in respect of its tendering activities and commercial negotiations with a supplier. The Audit and Risk Committee is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed because the disclosure of the budget figures and system limitations.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee dated 15 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 12.1 [Confidential - Paid Parking Review] 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) (b) of the Act.

ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 12.2

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (k) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee dated 15 August 2025 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 12.2 [Confidential - Provision of External Audit Services - Procurement Plan] listed on the Agenda.

Grounds and Basis

This Item is confidential because the report outlines information and the process relating to the provision of external audit services to Council.

The disclosure of information in this report includes the procurement plan with the evaluation criteria and weightings outlined. Council is due to go to market this year for a new contract. Information released prior could compromise the outcome of the process.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee dated 15 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 12.2 [Confidential - Provision of External Audit Services - Procurement Plan] 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) (k) of the Act.

ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 12.3

THAT THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (e) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee dated 15 August 2025 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 12.3 [Confidential - Penetration Testing Internal Audit – CyberCX] listed on the Agenda.

Grounds and Basis

This Item is confidential as it affects the security of the council internal network.

The information in this report could reveal potential vulnerabilities in Council's internal network by highlighting areas where cyber security may need improvement and The Audit and Risk Committee is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee dated 15 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 12.3 [Confidential - Penetration Testing Internal Audit – CyberCX] 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) (e) of the Act.

DISCUSSION

1. Section 90(1) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act) directs that a meeting of a Council Committee must be conducted in a place open to the public.
2. Section 90(2) of the Act, states that a Council Committee may order that the public be excluded from attendance at a meeting if the Council Committee 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 87(10) of the Act has been utilised to identify in the Agenda and on the Report for the meeting, that the following reports are submitted seeking consideration in confidence.
 - 6.1 Information contained in Item 12.1 - Confidential Paid Parking Review.
 - 6.1.1 Is not subject to an existing Confidentiality Order dated.
 - 6.1.2 The grounds utilised to request consideration in confidence is section 90(3) (b) of the Act
(b) *information the disclosure of which—*
 - (i) *could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and*
 - (ii) *would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;*
 - 6.2 Information contained in Item 12.2 – Confidential - Provision of External Audit Services - Procurement Plan.
 - 6.2.1 Is not subject to an existing Confidentiality Order.
 - 6.2.2 The grounds utilised to request consideration in confidence is section 90(3) (k) of the Act
(k) *Tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works.*
 - 6.3 Information contained in Item 12.3 – Confidential - Penetration Testing Internal Audit – CyberCX.
 - 6.4.1 Is not subject to an existing Confidentiality Order.
 - 6.4.2 The grounds utilised to request consideration in confidence is section 90(3) (e) of the Act
(e) *matters affecting the security of the council, members or employees of the council, or council property, or the safety of any person.*

ATTACHMENTS

Nil