

Appointment of Committee Chairs and Deputy Chairs

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report seeks to appoint Council Members to the positions of:

- Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee
- Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee
- Deputy Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee
- Deputy Chair of the City Finance and Governance Committee

On 11 April 2025, in the matter of *Alexander Hyde v Electoral Commissioner of South Australia, Jing Li*, the Court of Disputed Returns made orders resulting in Jing Li, David Elliott, Carmel Noon and Simon Hou being removed from the office of Councillor of the Central Ward of the City of Adelaide.

Due to the Court Orders several internal appointments became vacant.

At its meeting held on 14 April 2025, Council resolved that the Deputy Lord Mayor act as Chair for the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs and Infrastructure and Public Works Committees until the first Council meeting attended by the newly sworn in Central Ward Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION	
<u>THAT COUNCIL</u>	
1.	Notes that Councillor _____ is appointed as the Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee from 10 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.
2.	Notes that Councillor _____ is appointed as the Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 10 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.
3.	Notes that Councillor _____ is appointed as the Deputy Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 10 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.
4.	Notes that Councillor _____ is appointed as the Deputy Chair of the City Finance and Governance Committee from 10 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation Enable effective governance, risk management, accountability and transparency at all times in decision making.
Policy	Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures and Code of Practice for Access to Council and Committee Meetings and Documents
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Council and its Committees will conduct business in accordance with the relevant provisions of the <i>Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013</i> (SA), the Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures and relevant policies.
Opportunities	Not as a result of this report
25/26 Budget Allocation	The annual allowance for a Council Member is \$31,357.00. If a Councillor is a Presiding Member of a Committee, they receive an additional amount of \$7,839.25 per annum. There is no extra allowance for the Lord Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor for a Presiding Member role.
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

Background

1. Committees may be established by Council pursuant to Section 41 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) to:
 - (a) assist the council in the performance of its functions.
 - (b) inquire into and report to the council on matters within the ambit of the council's responsibilities.
 - (c) provide advice to the council.
 - (d) exercise, perform or discharge delegated powers, functions, or duties.
2. At its meeting on 26 March 2024 Council re-established its four Core Committees (committees to which all Council Members are appointed) for the remainder of the 2022 – 2026 Council Term as listed below.
 - 2.1. City Community Services and Culture Committee, on the first Tuesday of the month, followed by;
 - 2.2. City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee; and
 - 2.3. City Finance and Governance Committee, on the third Tuesday of the month, followed by;
 - 2.4. Infrastructure and Public Works Committee.
3. Council subsequently appointed a Chair and Deputy Chair to each Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 and then repeated this process at its meeting of Council on 25 February 2025, where Council resolved that Council:
 - 3.1. Appoints Councillor Snape as the Chair of the City Community Services and Culture Committee from 1 April 2025 until the conclusion of the Council Term.
 - 3.2. Appoints Councillor Giles as the Deputy Chair of the City Community Services and Culture Committee from 1 April 2025 until the conclusion of the Council Term.
 - 3.3. Appoints Councillor Noon as the Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee from 1 April 2025 until the conclusion of the Council Term.
 - 3.4. Appoints Councillor Martin as the Deputy Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee from 1 April 2025 until the conclusion of the Council Term.
 - 3.5. Appoints Councillor Siebentritt as the Chair of the City Finance and Governance Committee from 1 April 2025 until the conclusion of the Council Term.
 - 3.6. Appoints Councillor Elliott as the Deputy Chair of the City Finance and Governance Committee from 1 April 2025 until the conclusion of the Council Term.
 - 3.7. Appoints Councillor Elliott as the Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 1 April 2025 until the conclusion of the Council Term.
 - 3.8. Appoints Councillor Li as the Deputy Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 1 April 2025 until the conclusion of the Council Term.

Court of Disputed Returns Outcome

4. On 11 April 2025, in the matter of *Alexander Hyde v Electoral Commissioner of South Australia, Jing Li*, the Court of Disputed Returns made orders resulting in Jing Li, David Elliott, Carmel Noon and Simon Hou being removed from the office of Councillor of the Central Ward of the City of Adelaide.
5. In accordance with the decision of the Court, the following positions became vacant:
 - 5.1. Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee
 - 5.2. Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee
 - 5.3. Deputy Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee
 - 5.4. Deputy Chair of the City Finance and Governance Committee
6. At its meeting held on 14 April 2025, Council resolved that the Deputy Lord Mayor act as Chair for the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs and Infrastructure and Public Works Committees until the first Council meeting attended by the newly sworn in Central Ward Councillors.
7. This report seeks to appoint Council Members to the positions outlined in Paragraphs 5.1-5.4 herein.

Membership and Role of Core Committees

8. Core Committee membership comprises the Lord Mayor and all Councillors.
9. The roles and responsibilities of each core committee can be viewed in the [Core Committee Terms of Reference and Meeting Procedures](#).

Chair allowances

10. A Council Member who is the Chair of a Committee is entitled to a total Council Member allowance of \$39,196.25, inclusive of an additional Chair allowance of \$7,839.25 per annum.
11. There is no additional entitlement for the Lord Mayor or the Deputy Lord Mayor if they are appointed to the role of a Committee Chair.

Process for nomination and appointment

12. In accordance with section 51 (8) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* and the Code of Practice for Council Meeting Procedures (Ballot Process):
 - 12.1. In the event of there being more nominations than required, an election by voting ballot of Council Members present will be undertaken.
 - 12.2. If the votes for two or more candidates for the office are equal, lots must be drawn to determine which candidate or candidates will be excluded.
 - 12.3. Upon completion of the ballot, the successful candidate is announced by the Returning Officer, who is authorised to declare the successful candidate appointed to the office, position or role the subject of the ballot.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – Core Committee Terms of Reference and Meeting Procedures

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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