

Councillor Cabada - MoN - Scope Clarification for Independent Productivity, Expenditure and Efficiency Review

Tuesday, 23 June 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Alfredo Cabada

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Alfredo Cabada will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

‘THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes Council’s resolution of 9 June 2026 to commission an Independent Productivity, Expenditure and Efficiency Review of Council’s operations.
 2. Notes that the purpose of this Motion on Notice is to clarify Council’s preferred scope and reporting expectations for that review, and not to establish a separate or duplicate review.
 3. Notes that the purpose of the review is to identify efficiencies, cost savings, reprioritisation opportunities and revenue opportunities without reducing critical services.
 4. Supports the review being undertaken by suitably qualified external experts, in accordance with Council’s procurement policies, delegations and relevant governance requirements.
 5. Clarifies that Council’s preferred scope for the review includes consideration of opportunities to:
 - a. identify savings, efficiencies and cost reductions within Council’s operating budget;
 - b. review administrative expenditure, corporate overheads and internal service costs, procurement practices, contract management and service delivery models;
 - c. identify duplication, low-value expenditure and areas where resources could be better prioritised;
 - d. benchmark Council’s costs, staffing, services and operating expenditure against comparable capital city and metropolitan councils;
 - e. improve revenue performance and identify responsible revenue opportunities
 - f. improve financial sustainability without reducing critical services or core community outcomes; and
 - g. identify whether any savings, efficiencies or reprioritisation opportunities could support future investment in city activation, precinct development, small business support, vacant space renewal and the night-time economy.
 6. Supports the findings and recommendations of the review being presented to Council in a public report, except where information is required to remain confidential under the *Local Government Act 1999*.
-

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. At its 9 June 2026 meeting Council resolved to *commission an Independent Productivity, Expenditure and Efficiency Review of Council's operations to identify any efficiencies, cost savings, reprioritisation opportunities and revenue opportunities that can be achieved without reducing critical services, and that the review consider whether any identified savings could be redirected to support future investment in city activation, precinct development, small business support, vacant space renewal and the night-time economy, including but not limited to: Developing all Precincts business growth, revitalisation and implementation initiatives; support for priority initiatives in AEDA's 2026/27 Business Plan; night-time activation within the CBD and that the findings of the independent review be presented to Council in time to inform the development of the 2027/28 Business Plan and Budget.*
2. Should Council resolve to support the proposed motion, the scope and parameters of the proposed Review outlined in point 5 of the current motion can be incorporated into the scope for the Review already requested by Council on 9 June 2026.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Not applicable
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable
Budget reallocation	Not applicable
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 4 hours.

- END OF REPORT -