

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2026  
63 MT BARKER ROAD STIRLING**

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**In Attendance****Members:**

Pamela Lee	Presiding Member
Cr Malcolm Herrmann	Councillor
Cr Richard Gladigau	Councillor
Natalie Simmons	Independent Member

**In Attendance:**

Greg Georgopoulos	Chief Executive Officer
Gary Lewis	Director Corporate Services
Zoë Gill	Executive Governance Officer
Bruce Smith	Manager Financial Services
Lauren Jak	Minute Secretary

**Guests:**

Lino Di Lerna	GRFMA, Chairman
David Hitchcock	GRFMA, Executive Officer

**1. COMMENCEMENT**

The meeting commenced at 6:00pm.

**Acknowledgement of Country**

Council acknowledges that we meet on the traditional Country of the Peramangk and Kaurna people. We pay our respects to Ancestors and Elders past and present as the Custodians of this ancient and beautiful land.

**2. APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE****2.1 Apology**

David Moffatt

**2.2 Leave of Absence**

Nil

**2.3 Absent**

Nil

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**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**3.1 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting – 17 November 2025**

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann  
S/- Natalie Simmons

**ARC1/26**

**That the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on Monday 17 November 2025, as supplied, be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.**

<b>Carried</b>
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**4. PRESIDING MEMBER'S OPENING REMARKS**

**4.1 The Presiding Member made the following opening remarks:**

- Welcomed members for the first Committee meeting of the year, especially new members
- Acknowledged this is her first meeting as presiding member
- Acknowledged Cr Herrmann's long tenure as Presiding Member of the Committee, and thanked him for his service
- Noted that the minutes from the November 2025 Committee meeting were presented and approved by Council

**4.2 Council Update – verbal update**

Council update is covered under item 8.1.

**5. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

The Audit and Risk Committee operates in accordance with the relevant sections of the Local Government Act 1999, and its Terms of Reference.

**6. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS OF AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE**

Nil

**7. PRESENTATIONS, ACTION REPORT & WORKPLAN**

**7.1 GRFMA Attendance**

Cr Malcolm Herrmann disclosed to the Committee that he is Adelaide Hills Council's nominee as member on the GRFMA board. He did not have a conflict of interest for the item and would remain in the meeting.

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**7.2 Action Report and Work Plan Update**

Moved Natalie Simmons  
S/- Cr Richard Gladigau

The Audit and Risk Committee resolves: ARC2/26

1. To receive and note the Action Report and Work Plan Update Report (item 7.2, 16 February 2026, Audit and Risk Committee meeting).
2. To note the 2026 Action Report, February 2026, in Appendix 1 (item 7.2, 16 February 2026, Audit and Risk Committee meeting).
3. To adopt the 2026 Work Plan and Reporting Schedule in Appendix 2 (item 7.2, 16 February 2026, Audit and Risk Committee meeting).

<b>Carried</b>
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**8. REPORTS – DECISION ITEMS**

**8.1 Governance Update**

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann  
S/- Natalie Simmons

ARC3/26

The Audit and Risk Committee resolves:

1. That the report be received and noted (item 8.1, 16 February 2026, Audit and Risk Committee meeting).

<b>Carried</b>
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**8.2 Risk Management Report**

Moved Cr Richard Gladigau  
S/- Cr Malcolm Herrmann

ARC4/26

The Audit and Risk Committee resolves:

1. To receive and note the Risk Management Report (item 8.2, 16 February 2026, Audit and Risk committee meeting).
2. After discussion, to endorse the Risk Management Report (item 8.2, 16 February, 2026, Audit and Risk committee meeting).
3. To note the Strategic Risk Register Report in Appendix 1 (item 8.2, 16 February 2026, Audit and Risk committee meeting).

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4. To note the Risk Control Amendments in Appendix 2 (item 8.2, 16 February 2026, Audit and Risk committee meeting).

<b>Carried</b>
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**8.3 Internal Audit Quarterly Update**

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann  
S/- Natalie Simmons

ARC5/26

The Audit and Risk Committee resolves:

1. To receive, discuss and note the Internal Audit Quarterly Report (item 8.3, 16 February 2026, Audit and Risk Committee meeting).
2. To note the 3-Year Internal Audit Plan in Appendix 1 (item 8.3, 16 February 2026, Audit and Risk Committee meeting).
3. To receive and note the LGAAMF Fleet Risk Management Audit Report in Appendix 2 and Administrations response to recommendations in Appendix 3 (item 8.3, 16 February 2026, Audit and Risk Committee meeting).
4. To receive and note the EV Charging Audit Report in Appendix 4 and Administrations response to recommendations in Appendix 5 (item 8.3, 16 February 2026, Audit and Risk Committee meeting).
5. To receive and note the Cemetery Compliance Audit Report in Appendix 6 and Administrations response to recommendations in Appendix 7 (item 8.3, 16 February 2026, Audit and Risk Committee meeting).
6. To note the Audit Actions Progress Report – February 2026 in Appendix 8 (item 8.3, 16 February 2026, Audit and Risk Committee meeting).

<b>Carried</b>
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**8.4 Director Corporate Services Update**

Moved Natalie Simmons  
S/- Cr Richard Gladigau

ARC6/26

The Audit and Risk Committee resolves:

1. That the Director Corporate Services Update report be received and noted (8.4, 16 February 2026, Audit and Risk committee meeting).

<b>Carried</b>
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**8.5 Council Quarterly Performance Report – Q2**

Moved Natalie Simmons  
S/- Cr Richard Gladigau

ARC7/26

The Audit and Risk Committee resolves:

1. That the Council Quarterly Performance Report – Q2 2025-26 be received and noted (item 8.5, 16 February 2026, Audit and Risk Committee meeting).

<b>Carried</b>
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**8.6 Budget Review 2**

Moved Natalie Simmons  
S/- Pamela Lee

ARC8/26

The Audit and Risk Committee resolves:

1. That the report on Budget Review 2 2025-26 be received and noted (item 8.6, 16 February 2026, Audit and Risk Committee meeting).
2. To recommend to Council to adopt the proposed budget adjustments presented in Budget Review 2 (item 8.6, 16 February 2026, Audit and Risk Committee meeting) which result in:
  - a. An increase in the Operating Deficit from \$3.130m to \$3.136m for the 2025-26 financial year.
  - b. A reduction to the capital expenditure budget for 2025-26 of \$3.027m bringing the total budget to \$19.819m
  - c. proposed financial sustainability indicators relative to Council's agreed targets of the following:
    - i. Operating Ratio -4.8% (Target 0% to 10%)
    - ii. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio 52% (Target 0% to 100%)
    - iii. Asset Renewal Funding Ratio 144% (Target 90% to 110%)

<b>Carried</b>
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**8.7 Legal Fees**

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann  
S/- Natalie Simmons

ARC9/26

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1. That the report on Legal Fees 2025-26 be received and noted, and referred to Council for information (item 8.7, 16 February 2026, Audit and Risk Committee meeting)

<b>Carried</b>
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#### 8.8 Debtors Report

Moved Cr Richard Gladigau  
S/- Natalie Simmons

ARC10/26

The Audit and Risk Committee resolves:

1. That the Debtors Report be received and noted (8.8, 16 February 2026, Audit and Risk Committee meeting).

<b>Carried</b>
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#### 8.9 Long Term Financial Plan

Moved Natalie Simmons  
S/- Cr Richard Gladigau

ARC11/26

The Audit and Risk Committee resolves:

1. That the Long Term Financial Plan report be received and noted (item 8.9, 16 February 2026, Audit and Risk Committee meeting)
2. To recommend that Council endorse the Long Term Financial Plan as contained in Appendix 1 (item 8.9, 16 February 2026, Audit and Risk Committee meeting)
3. To note that the Chief Executive Officer may make minor changes to the Long Term Financial Plan arising from the Committee's consideration of the matter prior to it being provided to Council (item 8.9, 16 February 2026, Audit and Risk Committee meeting)

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#### 9. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

#### 10. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

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**11. NEXT MEETING**

The next ordinary meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee will be held on Monday 20 April 2026 from 6.00pm at 63 Mt Barker Road, Stirling.

**12. CLOSE MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8:08pm.