ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2026
63 MOUNT BARKER RD, STIRLING

In Attendance

Presiding Member: Mayor Nathan Daniell

Members:

Councillor Kirrilee Boyd
Councillor Adrian Cheater
Councillor Richard Gladigau
Councillor Chris Grant
Councillor Malcolm Herrmann
Councillor Georgia McDonnell
Councillor Leith Mudge
Councillor Mark Osterstock
Councillor Kirsty Parkin
Councillor Alex Trescowthick
Councillor Lisa Clare Woolcock

In Attendance:

Jade Ballantine	Chief Executive Officer Director Environment and Infrastructure
Roberto Bria	Chief Executive Officer Strategic Advisor
Gary Lewis	Director Corporate Services
Jess Charlton	Director Community and Development
Dallis Von Wald	Manager Governance
Emma Webb	Minute Secretary

1. COMMENCEMENT

The meeting commenced at 6:30 pm

2. OPENING STATEMENT

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.

Together we will care for this place for the generations to come and in this context the decisions we make should be guided by the principle that nothing we do should decrease our children's ability to live on this land.

3. APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Cr Lucy Huxter

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3.2 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.3 Absent

Nil

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 Council Meetings

Moved Cr Mark Osterstock
S/- Cr Chris Grant **392/26**

Council resolves that the minutes of the following Council meetings, as supplied, be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings:

- **20 October 2026 – Ordinary Council**
- **10 November 2026 – Special Council**

Carried Unanimously

5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

5.1 General Conflict of Interest, Cr Adrian Cheater, Item 19.2

Under section 75B of the *Local Government Act 1999* Cr Adrian Cheater indicated that they would disclose a General (section 74) Conflict of Interest in Item 19.2.

6. PRESIDING MEMBER'S OPENING REMARKS

The Mayor welcomed the gallery and those joining the meeting online. He also welcomed the new Chief Executive Officer, Jade Ballantine to her first official Council meeting in the role.

7. QUESTIONS ADJOURNED/LYING ON THE TABLE

7.1 Questions Adjourned

Nil

7.2 Questions Lying on the Table

Nil

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7.3 Adjourned Motion on Notice

Nil

8. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

8.1 Petitions

Nil

8.2 Deputations

Rick Llewellyn, President of Bridgewater Sports and Social Club (BSSC) and Anton Phillips, Bridgewater Raiders Football Club Committee (BRFC) regarding Bridgewater Oval Masterplan.

8.3 Public Forum

Mr Jason Wilkinson, Gumeracha, spoke regarding Woodside Townhall, safety measures on Martin Hill, Warren and Lucky Hit Roads at Birdwood and community sentiment regarding the proposed Tungkillo Data Centre.

Mr Andrew Moylan, Lobethal, spoke regarding infrastructure works to be undertaken on Mill Road, Lobethal.

6:57 pm – Cr Malcolm Herrmann joined the meeting.

9. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

10. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

10.1 Councillor Malcolm Herrmann

Question on Notice
Following Council approval to lease land at Station Road from Department of Infrastructure and Transport for 99 years, when is it anticipated that the lease will be signed?

Administration Response
The process will be for the draft lease to be negotiated and finalised between the administrators of both parties in preparation for endorsement by Council.

At endorsement, it will be recommended that Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the lease.
Once executed, it will be returned to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) for execution. It is unknown the timeframes of DIT's internal processes for the execution of documents, however the Department is motivated to finalise this matter.

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11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

11.1 Proposed Tungkillo Data Centre, 312 Collins Road, and hyperscale data centres in the Adelaide Hills (Cr Richard Gladigau)

Moved Cr Richard Gladigau
S/- Cr Adrian Cheater

Council resolves:

1. Reaffirms its commitment to the Adelaide Hills Council Strategic Plan, specifically protecting the Hill's unique character and rural landscapes, and declares that Council cannot support Data Centre infrastructure on agricultural or rural-zoned land where their scale, industrial character or demands on local resources would undermine primary production, residents' amenity or the Hills' landscape.

2. Recognises that while Quantum DC's proposed 1,200MW Tungkillo Data Centre is within the Mid Murray Council area, a development of this scale near the Adelaide Hills Council boundary may impact our residents, including in relation to bushfire risk, infrastructure, noise and landscape amenity.

3. Requests that the Chief Executive Officer engage with the Mid Murray Council to share information and understand cross-boundary impacts, to inform any future representations regarding the development.

4. Acknowledges that while no formal application has been lodged under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* and the proponent has recently announced a pause in its plans, it had previously intended to seek Crown Sponsorship under the essential infrastructure provisions of the Act.

5. Requests the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer write to the Premier, the Minister for Planning, the Minister for Energy and Mining, and the Minister for State Development to request that the South Australian Government:

    a. Not provide Crown Sponsorship or streamlined pathways for Data Centre projects until the state's proposed Data Centre Management Act is legislated and in effect.

    b. Ensure the State's emerging framework for Data Centres includes clear guidance on appropriate locations, including consideration of whether Data Centre infrastructure should be excluded from areas specifically protected for primary production, landscape character and rural amenity, such as the Environment and Food Production Area and Character Preservation Districts.

6. In view of the Local Government Association's submission to the proposed Data Centre Management Act, a copy of the resolution be provided to the Association.

The Presiding Member with the consent of the Mover and Seconder sought and was granted leave of the meeting to vary the motion.

VARIATION 1

Moved Cr Richard Gladigau
S/- Cr Adrian Cheater

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6. In view of the Local Government Association's submission to the proposed Data Centre Management Act, a copy of the resolution be provided to the Association.

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VARIATION 2

Moved Cr Richard Gladigau
S/- Cr Adrian Cheater

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6. In view of the Local Government Association's submission to the proposed Data Centre Management Act, a copy of the resolution be provided to the Association.

MOTION AS VARIED

Moved Cr Richard Gladigau
S/- Cr Adrian Cheater **393/26**

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6. **In view of the Local Government Association's submission to the proposed Data Centre Management Act, a copy of the resolution be provided to the Association.**

Carried Unanimously

11.2 Carbon Sequestration, Biodiversity and Revegetation Opportunities (Cr Leith Mudge)

Following distribution via email, the following item was tabled in the meeting:

- Background regarding the Carbon Sequestration, Biodiversity and Revegetation Opportunities Motion on Notice from Cr Leith Mudge.

Moved Cr Leith Mudge
S/- Cr Kirrilee Boyd

Council resolves:

1. The CEO prepares a high-level assessment of opportunities for Adelaide Hills Council to generate environmental, financial and social benefits through revegetation, carbon sequestration and biodiversity enhancement on suitable Council-owned or managed land, including unmade road reserves and other underutilised land.
2. The assessment consider, at a strategic and indicative level:
    a. the approximate extent and types of Council land that may have potential for revegetation, carbon sequestration or biodiversity enhancement, drawing where practicable on existing Council land, GIS and biodiversity information;
    b. the potential environmental benefits, including carbon sequestration, habitat restoration and connectivity, biodiversity enhancement, bushfire control and other relevant land-management benefits;
    c. potential sources of revenue or external funding, including:
        i. Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCU) and other applicable carbon markets;
        ii. South Australian native vegetation Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) arrangements;
        iii. the Australian Government's Nature Repair Market (NRM), including opportunities available under the Replanting native forest and woodland ecosystems and Enhancing native vegetation methods, and the potential interaction of eligible biodiversity projects with carbon and environmental offset mechanisms; and
        iv. voluntary corporate investment or other external funding opportunities;
    d. at an indicative level, the likely costs, revenue potential and ongoing resource implications associated with pursuing such opportunities;
    e. opportunities to collaborate with neighbouring councils, regional bodies, relevant State Government agencies, SA Water, Forestry SA and other significant land managers or stakeholders, including whether a *regional* approach could improve the viability or environmental outcomes of potential projects; and

f. potential delivery models, including Council-led projects, partnerships and appropriately qualified third-party project providers, e.g. Regenerate Australia.

3. The assessment identifies any significant legislative, regulatory, land-management, financial or other constraints that would need to be addressed before Council proceeded with a project.

4. The CEO provides Council with recommendations on whether further investigation is warranted and, if so, an appropriate next stage, which may include a more detailed feasibility study, engagement with potential regional or project partners, or development of one or more pilot projects.

5. The report on this assessment and recommendation(s) be presented to Council not later than 31 May 2027.

6. It be noted that this assessment is intended as a preliminary investigation and does not commit Council to undertaking or funding a carbon, biodiversity or revegetation project.

The Presiding Member with the consent of the Mover and Seconder sought and was granted leave of the meeting to vary the motion.

VARIATION 1

Moved Cr Leith Mudge
S/- Cr Kirrilee Boyd

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   b. the potential environmental benefits, including carbon sequestration, habitat restoration and connectivity, biodiversity enhancement, bushfire control and other relevant land-management benefits;

   c. potential sources of revenue or external funding, including:

i. Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCU) and other applicable carbon markets;

ii. South Australian native vegetation Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) arrangements;

iii. the Australian Government's Nature Repair Market (NRM), including opportunities available under the Replanting native forest and woodland ecosystems and Enhancing native vegetation methods, and the potential interaction of eligible biodiversity projects with carbon and environmental offset mechanisms; and

iv. voluntary corporate investment or other external funding opportunities;

d. at an indicative level, the likely costs, revenue potential and ongoing resource implications associated with pursuing such opportunities;

e. opportunities to collaborate with neighbouring councils, regional bodies, relevant State Government agencies, SA Water, Forestry SA and other significant land managers or stakeholders, including whether a *regional* approach could improve the viability or environmental outcomes of potential projects; and

f. potential delivery models, including Council-led projects, partnerships and appropriately qualified third-party project providers, e.g. Regenerate Australia.

3. The assessment identifies any significant legislative, regulatory, land-management, pest management, financial or other constraints that would need to be addressed before Council proceeded with a project.

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5. The report on this assessment and recommendation(s) be presented to Council not later than 31 May 2027.

6. It be noted that this assessment is intended as a preliminary investigation and does not commit Council to undertaking or funding a carbon, biodiversity or revegetation project.

The Presiding Member with the consent of the Mover and Seconder sought and was granted leave of the meeting to vary the motion.

7:50 pm Cr Chris Grant left the meeting.

VARIATION 2

Moved Cr Leith Mudge
S/- Cr Kirrilee Boyd

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    f. potential delivery models, including Council-led projects, partnerships and appropriately qualified third-party project providers, e.g. Regenerate Australia.

3. The assessment identifies any significant legislative, regulatory, land-management, pest management, financial or other constraints that would need to be addressed before Council proceeded with a project.
4. That the engagement of a consultant to undertake this assessment be approved to a maximum of $10,000, for inclusion in Budget Review 2.
5. The CEO provides Council with recommendations on whether further investigation is warranted and, if so, an appropriate next stage, which may include a more detailed feasibility study, engagement with potential regional or project partners, or development of one or more pilot projects.
6. The report on this assessment and recommendation(s) be presented to Council not later than 31 May 2027.
7. It be noted that this assessment is intended as a preliminary investigation and does not commit Council to undertaking or funding a carbon, biodiversity or revegetation project.

7:52 pm Cr Chris Grant returned to the meeting

MOTION AS VARIED

Moved Cr Leith Mudge
S/- Cr Kirrilee Boyd **394/26**

Council resolves:

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2. **The assessment consider, at a strategic and indicative level:**
    a. **the approximate extent and types of Council land that may have potential for revegetation, carbon sequestration or biodiversity enhancement, drawing where practicable on existing Council land, GIS and biodiversity information;**
    b. **the potential environmental benefits, including carbon sequestration, habitat restoration and connectivity, biodiversity enhancement, bushfire control and other relevant land-management benefits;**
    c. **potential sources of revenue or external funding, including:**
        i. **Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCU) and other applicable carbon markets;**

ii. South Australian native vegetation Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) arrangements;

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f. potential delivery models, including Council-led projects, partnerships and appropriately qualified third-party project providers, e.g. Regenerate Australia.

3. The assessment identifies any significant legislative, regulatory, land-management, pest management, financial or other constraints that would need to be addressed before Council proceeded with a project.

4. That the engagement of a consultant to undertake this assessment be approved to a maximum of $10,000, for inclusion in Budget Review 2.

5. The CEO provides Council with recommendations on whether further investigation is warranted and, if so, an appropriate next stage, which may include a more detailed feasibility study, engagement with potential regional or project partners, or development of one or more pilot projects.

6. The report on this assessment and recommendation(s) be presented to Council not later than 31 May 2027.

7. It be noted that this assessment is intended as a preliminary investigation and does not commit Council to undertaking or funding a carbon, biodiversity or revegetation project.

Carried

11.3 Pedestrian access to Bushland Park, Kenton Valley Rd, Lobethal (Cr Lucy Huxter)

Motion on Notice was deferred by Cr Lucy Huxter until the next Council Meeting on 15 December 2026.

12. OFFICER REPORTS – DECISION ITEMS

12.1 26 January 2027 Community Event Grant Recommendations

7:56 pm Cr Mark Osterstock left the meeting.

Under section 75B of the *Local Government Act 1999,* Cr Malcolm Herrmann disclosed a General (section 74) Conflict of Interest in Item 12.1 and declared that he would leave the meeting room, noting he is a member of the Torrens Valley Lions Club and if the recommendation is approved it would receive a pecuniary benefit.

7:56 pm – Cr Malcolm Herrmann left the meeting
7:59 pm – Cr Mark Osterstock returned to the meeting.

Moved Cr Chris Grant
S/- Cr Kirsty Parkin **395/26**

Council resolves:

1. **To receive and note the *2027 26 January Community Event Grant Recommendations Report* (**Agenda Item 12.1, Council Meeting 17 November 2026**).**

2. **To endorse the awarding of 26 January Community Event Grants for 2027 (**Appendix 1, Agenda Item 12.1, Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**) totalling $7,287 as follows:**

Applicant	Project Description	Amount Recommended
Lions Club of Torrens Valley	Australia Day Community Event	$1,500.00
Lions Club of Onkaparinga Inc.	Australia Day Community Breakfast	$1,477.00
East Torrens Historical Society Inc.	Community Australia Day Celebration	$1,310.00
Third Camp	STILL – A Place for Reflection, Truth and Respect	$1,500.00
Mylor Oval Management Inc	Australia Day BBQ	$1,500.00

Carried Unanimously

8:02 pm - Cr Malcolm Herrmann returned to the Meeting.

12.2 Draft Buildings Asset Management Plan

Moved Cr Mark Osterstock
S/- Cr Kirsty Parkin **396/26**

Council resolves:

1. **To receive and note the *Draft Building Asset Management Plan report* (**Agenda Item 12.2, Council Meeting 17 November 2026**).**
2. **To endorse the *Draft Building Asset Management Plan* (**Appendix 1, Agenda Item 12.2, Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**) for public consultation pursuant to *Council's Community Engagement Policy* and the Minister for Local Government's *Section 50 Community Engagement Charter*.**
3. **To authorise the Chief Executive Office to make any formatting, nomenclature, Mayor's message or other minor changes to the draft prior to being released for public consultation; and**
4. **That a report detailing the outcomes of the consultation and a revised draft Plan be brought back to the Council for consideration and adoption as soon as practicable after consultation closes.**

Carried Unanimously

12.3 Biodiversity Strategy Review

Moved Cr Leith Mudge
S/- Cr Kristy Parkin **397/26**

Council resolves:

1. **To receive and note the *Biodiversity Strategy Review report* (**Agenda Item 12.3, Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**).**
2. **To endorse the *2027 Draft Biodiversity Strategy*** (Appendix 2, Agenda Item 12.3, Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**) for public consultation, in accordance with *Council's Community Engagement Policy*.**
3. **To authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make any formatting, nomenclature, Mayor's message or other minor changes to the draft prior to being released for public consultation.**
4. **That a report detailing the outcomes of the consultation and a revised draft Strategy be brought back to the Council for consideration and adoption as soon as practicable after consultation closes.**

Carried Unanimously

12.4 Speed Review Policy

Moved Cr Leith Mudge
S/- Cr Malcolm Herrmann **398/26**

Council resolves:

1. **To receive and note the *Speed Limit Review report* (**Item 12.4, Ordinary Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**).**

2. **To adopt the *Speed Limit Review Policy* (**Appendix 1, Item 12.4, Ordinary Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**).**

3. **To authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make minor content, grammatical, or formatting amendments, or to accommodate legislative change, to the *Speed Limit Policy* (**Appendix 1, Item 12.4, Ordinary Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**).**

Carried Unanimously

12.5 Budget Review 1

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann
S/- Cr Chris Grant **399/26**

Council resolves:

1. **To receive and note the *Budget Review 1 – 2026-27 report* (**Agenda Item 12.5, Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**).**

2. **To adopt the proposed budget adjustments in the *Uniform Presentation of Finances –Budget Review 1* (**Appendix 1, Agenda Item 12.5, Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**) which result in:**

    a. **An operating deficit of $3.399m for the 2026-27 financial year**
    b. **An operating deficit ratio of 5.0%, relative to a target surplus of between 0% and 10%**
    c. **Capital expenditure $18.416m for the 2026-27 financial year**
    d. **Capital income of $342k for the 2026-27 financial year for Black Spot funding**
    e. **An asset renewal funding ratio of 129%, relative to a target of between 90% and 110%**
    f. **A net financial liabilities ratio of 51.5%, relative to a target of between 0% and 100%**

Carried Unanimously

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12.6 2025-26 Draft Annual Report for Adoption

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann
S/- Cr Richard Gladigau **400/26**

Council resolves:

1. **To receive and note the *2025-26 Draft Annual Report* for Adoption (**Agenda Item 12.6, Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**)**
2. **To adopt the *Draft Adelaide Hills Council 2025-26 Annual Report* (**Appendix 1, Agenda Item 12.6, Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**).**
3. **To receive and endorse the inclusion of the 2025-26 annual reports of Adelaide Hills Council's regional subsidiaries in the *2025-26 Draft Annual Report* of Adelaide Hills Council**
    a. **Adelaide Hills Region Waste Management Authority;**
    b. **East Waste;**
    c. **Southern and Hills Local Government Association;**
    d. **Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority.**
4. **To authorise the Chief Executive Officer to compile all required attachments and make minor editorial amendments to the *Draft Adelaide Hills Council 2025-26 Annual Report* (**Agenda Item 12.6, Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**) if required, to finalise and publish the document.**

Carried Unanimously

12.7 2025-26 Annual Financial Statements

Moved Cr Leith Mudge
S/- Cr Georgia McDonnell **401/26**

Council resolves:

1. **To receive and note the *2025-26 Annual Financial Statements report* (**Agenda Item 12.7, Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**).**
2. ***To adopt the 2025-26 Annual Financial Statements* (**Appendix 1, Agenda Item 12.7, Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**) in accordance with Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999.***
3. **To authorise the Mayor and CEO to sign the *2025-26 Annual Financial Statements* (**Appendix 1, Agenda Item 12.7, Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**).**

Carried Unanimously

12.8 Policy and Procedure Framework

Moved Cr Alex Trescowthick
S/- Cr Leith Mudge **402/26**

Council resolves:

1. **To receive and note the *Policy & Procedure Framework Report* (**Agenda Item 12.8, Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**).**
2. ***To adopt the Draft* Policy & Procedure Framework (**Appendix 1, Agenda Item 12.8, Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**).**
3. **To authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make minor content, grammatical, or formatting amendments, or to accommodate legislative change, to the *Draft Policy & Procedure Framework* (**Appendix 1, Agenda Item 12.8, Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**).**
4. **To receive and note the *Policy Register* (**Appendix 2, Agenda Item 12.8, Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**).**
5. **To note that Administration endeavours to have all statutory policies reviewed within the next 12 months of the new Council and the remainder to be reviewed within the next Council term.**

Carried Unanimously

12.9 Audit & Risk Committee – Meeting Report and Minutes from 9 November 2026

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann
S/- Cr Kirsty Parkin **403/26**

Council resolves:

1. **To receive and note the *Audit & Risk Committee – Meeting Report and Minutes from 9 November 2026* (**Agenda Item 12.9, Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**).**
2. **To receive the *Minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting, held on 9 November 2026* (**Appendix 1, Item 12.9, Council meeting 17 November 2026**).**
3. **To receive and note the *Governance Audit Report* (**Appendix 2, Item 12.9, Council meeting 17 November 2026**) and endorse the Administration's response to the audit findings and recommendations.**

Carried Unanimously

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12.10 Audit & Risk Committee Presiding Member Extension and Independent Member Reappointment

Moved Cr Kirrilee Boyd
S/- Cr Chris Grant **404/26**

Council resolves:

1. **To receive and note the *Audit & Risk Committee Presiding Member Extension and Independent Member Reappointment report* (**Agenda Item 12.10, Ordinary Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**).**
2. **To reappoint Ms Pamela Lee as:**
    a. **An Independent Member of the Audit & Risk Committee from 1 May 2027 until 31 December 2027, inclusive;**
    b. **The Presiding Member of the Audit & Risk Committee from 1 January 2027 until 31 December 2027, inclusive.**
3. **To authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to make the necessary administrative arrangements to give effect to the appointments.**

Carried Unanimously

13. OFFICER REPORTS - INFORMATION ITEMS

13.1 SHLGA Regional Public Health and Wellbeing Plan Reporting 2024-2026

Moved Cr Chris Grant
S/- Cr Georgia McDonnell **405/26**

Council resolves:

1. **To receive and note the *SHLGA Regional Public Health and Wellbeing Plan Progress Report 2024–2026* (**Agenda Item 13.1, Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**).**

Carried Unanimously

13.2 Report on Financial Results 2025 – 2026

Moved Cr Mark Osterstock
S/- Cr Kirilee Boyd **406/26**

Council resolves:

1. **To receive and note the *Report on Financial Results for 2025-26* (**Agenda Item 13.2, Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**).**

Carried Unanimously

13.3 Correspondence from AHRMWA - Annual Stipend of the Independent Chair of its Audit & Risk Committee

Moved Cr Chris Grant
S/- Cr Leith Mudge **407/26**

Council resolves:

1. **To receive and note the *Correspondence from AHRWMA - Annual Stipend of the Independent Chair of its Audit & Risk Committee report* (**Agenda Item 13.3, Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**).**

2. **To receive and note the *Correspondence from AHRWMA* (**Appendix 1, Agenda Item 13.3, Council Meeting, 17 November 2026**).**

Carried

14. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

Nil

15. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

15.1 Cr Malcolm Herrmann asked the following questions:

Questions

1. What can Council do about difference in stipend paid between Council and Council Subsidiaries?
2. Does the CEO have any update on the action the Government is taking to improve safety at the intersection of Martin Hill, Warren and Lucky Hit Roads? Did staff have any involvement in approving any work?

Formal Motion

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann
S/- Cr Leith Mudge **408/26**

1. **That Question Two and the associated answer to the question is recorded in the meeting minutes.**

Carried Unanimously

Administration's Response to Question Two

- The Department advise that the following treatments were implemented over the 12 and 13 November 2026;
- Installation of new Intersection Direction signs on Lucky Hit Road and Martin Hill Road.
- Installation of an additional enhanced Give Way sign within the concrete splitter island on Lucky Hit Road and Martin Hill Road.
- Relocation of roadside signs adjacent Warren Road obstructing sight distance.
- Replacement of damaged regulatory and hazard signs.
- Reduction of the entire 100km/h speed limit on Warren Road to 80 km/h. This extends from Torrens Valley Road to approximately 370 metres south-east of Warren Road/Gordon Road intersection, which is approximately 14km in length.
- The Department has recently refreshed worn pavement markings and installed additional Retro-Reflective Pavement Markers (RRPMs) and chevron pavement markings within corner islands and approach treatments to improve night-time visibility and reinforce vehicle path guidance.
- The Department is also working with Council regarding the proposed upgrade to the rumble strips on Martin Hill Road and Lucky Hit Road.
- An assessment of the intersection also determined that the available sight distance on both Lucky Hit Road and Martin Hill Road exceeds the minimum requirements for Stop sign control. Accordingly, the existing Give Way control remains appropriate and consistent with relevant standards and guidelines.
- The Department will continue to work closely with Council in relation to the recommended treatments to ensure the most appropriate and effective outcome is achieved for this location.

3. Does the CEO have any update on progress on the resolution of issues raised by the deputation regarding safety on Onkaparinga Road Balhannah?

15.2 Cr Richard Gladigau asked the following question:

1. Could the CEO ask DIT what was the rationale for the decision to make Warren Road 80km/hr?

15.3 Cr Chris Grant asked the following question:

1. During discussions over renewed AHRWMA Charter, could remunerations be linked to the Remuneration Tribunal's standard benchmarking?

15.4 Cr Georgia McDonnell asked the following question:

1. Did Council receive a standard "Thank You" letter from the State Government in response to our letter regarding Santos sponsorship of events?

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16. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

17. REPORTS

17.1 Council Member Function or Activity on the Business of Council

Cr Malcolm Herrmann

- 22 October 2026 – Resthaven AGM - Lobethal
- 23 October 2026 - 60th Birthday Kindergarten - Lobethal
- 24 October 2026 - Fabrik Exhibition - Lobethal
- 26 October 2026 - Community Forum - Paracombe
- 29 October 2026 - Public meeting Data Centre - Tungkillo
- 2 November 2026 - Consultation LTFP - Gumeracha
- 5 November 2026 - RSL Gumeracha Subbranch
- 6 November - Mount Torrens Memorial Park
- 7 November 2026 - Walk for Life - Johnston Park Balhannah

17.2 Reports of Members as Council/Committee Representatives on External Organisations

Nil

17.3 CEO Report

Jade Ballantine, Chief Executive Officer, provided Council with a verbal update, including that her focus since taking office has been the Environment and Infrastructure Directorate restructure, stabilising resources and working to fill the associate positions.

18. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

18.1 Council Assessment Panel – 14 October 2026

Moved Cr Leith Mudge
S/- Cr Chris Grant **409/26**

Council resolves:

1. **That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2026 as supplied, be received and noted.**

Carried Unanimously

18.2 Audit and Risk Committee

Refer *Item 12.9 Audit & Risk Committee – Meeting Report and Minutes from 9 November 2026.*

18.3 Boundary Change Committee

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18.4 Fabrik

Nil

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19. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

19.1 Fabrik Precinct Committee Independent Member Appointment

19.1.1 Fabrik Precinct Committee Independent Member Appointment– Exclusion of the Public

Moved Cr Chris Grant
S/- Cr Alex Trescowthick **410/26**

Council resolves:

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that all members of the public, except:

- **Chief Executive Officer and Director Environment & Infrastructure, Jade Ballantine**
- **Chief Executive Officer Strategic Advisor, Roberto Bria**
- **Director Corporate Services, Gary Lewis**
- **Director Community & Development, Jess Charlton**
- **Manager Governance, Dallis Von Wald**
- **Minute Secretary, Emma Webb**

be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 19.1 (Fabrik Precinct Committee Independent Member Appointment).

The Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public, with the exception of Council staff in attendance as specified above, be excluded to enable Council to consider the report at the meeting on the following grounds:

Section 90(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item is:

> **Information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead);**

Accordingly, on this basis the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information and discussion confidential.

Carried Unanimously

Cr Richard Gladigau left meeting at 8:57 pm
Cr Richard Gladigau returned at 8:58 pm

19.1.2 Fabrik Precinct Committee Independent Member Appointment – Confidential Item

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19.1.3 Fabrik Precinct Committee Independent Member Appointment – Duration of Confidentiality

Moved Cr Chris Grant
S/- Cr Georgia McDonnell **412/26**

Council resolves:

Subject to the CEO, or their delegate, disclosing information or any document (in whole or in part) for the purpose of implementing Council's decision(s) in this matter in the performance of the duties and responsibilities of office, Council, having considered Agenda Item 19.1 in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(a] of the *Local Government Act 1999*, resolves that an order be made under the provisions of sections 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 to retain the Items in confidence as detailed in the Duration of Confidentiality Table below:

Item	Duration of Confidentiality NB: Item to be reviewed every 12 months if not released
Report	**Until the appointment has been confirmed**
Related Attachments	**Until the appointment has been confirmed**
Minutes	**Until the appointment has been confirmed**
Other	**Not applicable**

Pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council delegates the power to revoke the confidentiality order either partially or in full to the Chief Executive Officer.

Carried Unanimously

Under section 75C of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Cr Adrian Cheater disclosed a Material (section 75) Conflict of Interest in Item 19.2 and declared that he would leave the meeting room, noting he is a volunteer for the Positive Ageing Centre which is partially funded by the CHSP program.

9:17 pm Cr Adrian Cheater left the meeting.

19.2 Commonwealth Home Support Program

19.2.1 Commonwealth Home Support Program – Exclusion of the Public

Moved Cr Chris Grant
S/- Cr Malcolm Herrmann **413/26**

Council resolves:

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that all members of the public, except:

- **Chief Executive Officer and Director Environment & Infrastructure, Jade Ballantine**
- **Chief Executive Officer Strategic Advisor, Roberto Bria**
- **Director Corporate Services, Gary Lewis**
- **Director Community & Development, Jess Charlton**
- **Manager Governance, Dallis Von Wald**
- **Minute Secretary, Emma Webb**
- **Manager Community Development, Rebecca Shepherd**

be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 19.2: (*Commonwealth Home Support Program*) in confidence.

The Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public, with the exception of Council staff in attendance as specified above, be excluded to enable Council to consider the report at the meeting on the following grounds:

Section 90(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item is:

> **Information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).**

Accordingly, on this basis the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information and discussion confidential.

Carried Unanimously

Under section 75B of the *Local Government Act 1999* Cr Malcolm Herrmann disclosed a General (section 74) Conflict of Interest in Item 19.2 and declared that he would leave the meeting room, noting his brother is a volunteer community bus driver for the service and there may be a perceived conflict.

9:24 pm Cr Malcolm Herrmann left the meeting.

19.2.2 Commonwealth Home Support Program – Confidential Item

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19.2.3 Commonwealth Home Support Program – Duration of Confidentiality

Moved Cr Kirsty Parkin
S/- Cr Chris Grant **415/26**

Council resolves:

Subject to the CEO, or their delegate, disclosing information or any document (in whole or in part) for the purpose of implementing Council's decision(s) in this matter in the performance of the duties and responsibilities of office, Council, having considered Agenda Item 19.2 in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, resolves that an order be made under the provisions of sections 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* to retain the Items in confidence as detailed in the Duration of Confidentiality Table below:

Item	Duration of Confidentiality NB: Item to be reviewed every 12 months if not released
Report	Until Further Order
Related Attachments	Not Applicable
Minutes	Until Further Order
Other	Not applicable

Pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council delegates the power to revoke the confidentiality order either partially or in full to the Chief Executive Officer.

Carried Unanimously

9:26 pm Cr Adrian Cheater returned to the meeting
9:26 pm Cr Malcolm Herrmann returned to the meeting

20. NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the Adelaide Hills Council will be held on Tuesday 15 December 2026 from 6.30pm at 63 Mt Barker Rd, Stirling.

21. CLOSE MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:26 pm