

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday 8 August 2023  
CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM**

**Item:** 18.1

**Responsible Officer:** Greg Georgopoulos  
Chief Executive Officer  
Chief Executive

**Subject:** Country Cabinet August 2023 - Confidential Item

**For:** Decision

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**1. Chief Executive Officer presentation to Country Cabinet – Exclusion of the Public**

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

- Chief Executive Officer, Greg Georgopoulos
- Director Community Capacity, David Waters
- Director Corporate Services, Terry Crackett
- Director Development & Regulatory Services, Natalie Armstrong
- Director Infrastructure & Operations, Peter Bice
- Executive Manager Governance & Performance, Lachlan Miller
- Governance Support, Melissa Grimes
- Minute Secretary, Pam Williams

be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 18.1: Chief Executive Officer Country Cabinet presentation 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)(j) 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 divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official (not being an employee of the council, or a person engaged by the council); and would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

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.

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## **2. Confidential Item**

### **SUMMARY**

The South Australian Government Premier and Cabinet Ministers will be attending the Adelaide Hills area on Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 August 2023 as part of the Country Cabinet program.

Country Cabinet visits are an opportunity for members of the community, the Premier and government to discuss the challenges and opportunities unique to our region. As such the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer have been invited to present to Cabinet during the Cabinet meeting. Possible content for this presentation was discussed with Elected Members at Workshop on Monday 31 July 2023.

The purpose of this report is for Elected Members to endorse the final key areas of focus (subject to any minor amendments) for presentation to the Premier's Country Cabinet on Thursday 23 August.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **Council resolves:**

- 1. That the report be received and noted.**
- 2. That the key areas of focus be approved for presentation to the Country Cabinet on Thursday 23 August 2023, being:**
  - a. Upgrade and renewal of critical roads and stormwater infrastructure**
  - b. Progress next stages of the Amy Gillett Pathway from Mt Torrens to Mt Pleasant**
  - c. Redesign local transport services and provide more frequent services for better connectivity for our community and visitors**
  - d. Recognise the uniqueness and significance of the Adelaide Hills through the development of a whole-of-government Regional Strategy Plan.**
  - e. Fund a Masterplan to manage the sport, recreation, community and civic infrastructure in Woodside**
- 3. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to prepare a Presentation for submission to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet on 17 August.**

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## **1. BACKGROUND**

Council has been advised that the Premier and Cabinet Ministers will be visiting the Adelaide Hills for their next Country Cabinet on Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 August. The Premier and Ministers will spend time within the region visiting local residents, business and organisations to discuss the challenges and opportunities unique to the region.

On Wednesday 23 August from 5pm the Premier will host a community BBQ and forum at the Mount Barker High School where members of the public will be welcome to attend. Active promotion of this opportunity will commence the week beginning 7 August 2023.

The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer of both Adelaide Hills Council and Mount Barker District Council have been invited to jointly present to the Strategic Cabinet Meeting on Thursday 24 August at the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club. This will comprise of 20 minutes for the joint presentation, followed by Q&A to give the Premier and Cabinet Ministers the opportunity to further understand what has been presented.

A copy of a PowerPoint presentation is required ahead of the meeting date and to provide some pre-reading for the Premier by 17 August.

## 2. ANALYSIS

### ➤ Strategic Management Plan/Functional Strategy/Council Policy Alignment

#### *Strategic Plan 2020-24 – A brighter future*

Goal 1 A functional built environment

Objectives B1 to B4

Priorities B1.1 to B4.5

Goal 2 Community wellbeing

Objectives C1 to C6

Priorities C1.1 to C6.4

Goal 3 A prosperous economy

Objectives E1 to E4

Priorities E1.1 to E4.4

Goal 4 A valued Natural Environment

Objectives N1 to N5

Priorities N1.1 to N5.2

Goal 5 A progressive Organisation

Objectives O4 We actively represent our community

Priorities O4.3 Advocate to, and exert influence with, our stakeholders on behalf of our community to promote the needs and ambitions of the region.

### ➤ Legal Implications

Chapter 2, Section 7 of the *Local Government Act, 1999*, specifies one of the functions of a council to include:

- (g) *To promote its area and to provide an attractive climate and locations for the development of business, commerce, industry and tourism;*

Speaking to Country Cabinet assists Council in fulfilling this responsibility.

➤ **Risk Management Implications**

Speaking at Country Cabinet recognises the role of Council in the social and economic development of our region. Effective communication of the region’s priorities will assist in mitigating the risk of:

*Not being proactive in providing an informed role to support the local social and economic development leading to services and programs that are not aligned with the needs of the region.*

Inherent Risk	Residual Risk	Target Risk
Medium (3D)	Medium (3D)	Low (2D)

The Strategic Plan is an existing control put in place to address the identified risk.

➤ **Financial and Resource Implications**

Some of the projects and priorities presented may not currently be included in Council’s Annual Business Plan or Long Term Financial Plan. If the State Government decides to pursue any of the areas raised there may be a requirement for some Council resourcing (both staffing and financial) to support.

➤ **Customer Service and Community/Cultural Implications**

Improving communication between Council and the State Government is key for Council to raise some of the opportunities and concerns within our community where the State Government may provide a pivotal role in progressing or resolving.

➤ **Sustainability Implications**

The principle of sustainable development underpins all the objectives, priorities and actions being suggested.

➤ **Engagement/Consultation conducted in the development of the report**

Council Members and staff regularly communicate and engage with community members, businesses, organisations and other levels of government. The insights provided have been used to inform and prepare the list of priorities.

➤ **Additional Analysis**

In preparation for the Country Cabinet presentation, key areas of focus, challenges and opportunities were discussed with Elected Members at Workshop on Monday 31 July 2023. As a result, the areas of focus have been collated into the following areas:

- Green Living
- Supporting Infrastructure
- Aligning Policy

For each key theme area a range of challenges and opportunities for the State Government to intervene and/or support through projects and initiatives have been suggested. From these key themes it is proposed that four key requests in particular be highlighted:

1. Upgrade and renewal of critical roads and stormwater infrastructure
2. Progress next stages of the Amy Gillett Pathway from Mt Torrens to Mt Pleasant
3. Redesign local transport services and provide more frequent services for better connectivity for our community and visitors
4. Recognise the uniqueness and significance of the Adelaide Hills through the development of a whole-of-government Regional Strategy Plan.
5. Fund a Masterplan to manage the sport, recreation, community and civic infrastructure in Woodside

It is proposed that further detail and support material will also be provided to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet to provide context and validation for the range of requests being made.

**3. OPTIONS**

Council has the following options:

- I. To note and receive the report (Recommended)
- II. To not note and receive the report (Not Recommended)

**4. APPENDIX**

Nil

3. Chief Executive Officer presentation to Country Cabinet – Confidential Item.

Subject to the CEO, or his 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 18.1 in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3) (j) 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:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Duration of Confidentiality NB: Item to be reviewed every 12 months if not released</b>
Report	24 August 2023 but not longer than 30 June 2024
Related Attachments	Nil
Minutes	24 August 2023 but not longer than 30 June 2024
Other	Nil

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.

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