

**MINUTES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE  
HELD AT ADMINISTRATION CENTRE  
245 STURT ROAD, STURT  
ON TUESDAY 1 MAY 2018**



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**PRESENT**

**Elected Members**

Councillor Tim Pfeiffer, Councillor Nathan Prior, Councillor Tim Gard, and Councillor Bruce Hull

His Worship the Mayor Kris Hanna

**Independent Member**

Apology

**In Attendance**

Councillor	Ian Crossland
Councillor	Nick Westwood
Councillor	Raelene Telfer
Councillor	Jason Veliskou
Mr Adrian Skull	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Abby Dickson	General Manager City Development
Mr Tony Lines	General Manager City Services
Mr Vincent Mifsud	General Manager Corporate Services
Ms Fiona Harvey	Manager Innovation and Strategy
Ms Kate McKenzie	Manager Governance
Mr Greg Salmon	Manager City Activation
Ms Carla Zub	Project Manager Strategic Projects
Mr Adam Gray	Smart Cities consultant
Ms Georgie Johnson	Smart Cities Project Officer
Ms Elaine Delgado	Strategy Leader
Mr Roger Grounds	Principal, Wallbridge Gilbert Aztec
Mr Jason Leach	Senior Geotechnical Pavements Engineer, Wallbridge Gilbert Aztec

**1. OPEN MEETING**

The meeting commenced at 6.32pm.

**2. KAURNA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*We acknowledge the Kurna people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to their elders past and present.*

### 3. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair asked if any Member wished to disclose an interest in relation to any item being considered at the meeting.

- No declarations were made.

### 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Councillor Pfeiffer, Seconded Councillor Gard** the minutes of the Infrastructure and Strategy Committee Meeting held on 3 April 2018 be taken as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**Carried unanimously**

### 5. BUSINESS ARISING

#### 5.1 Review of the Business Arising from previous meetings of the Infrastructure and Strategy Committee Meetings

- The Business Arising statement was noted.
- It was noted the due date was omitted from the Oaklands Wetland Water Project item

**Action: Add the date of 5 June 2018 to the Business Arising item 8.1 Oaklands Wetland Water Project item and include this item on the agenda for the 5 June Infrastructure and Strategy Committee agenda**

### 6. REPORTS FOR NOTING

Nil

### 7. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

#### 7.1 6.38pm BMX Project Progress Report Report Reference: ISC010518F01

**Moved Councillor Gard, Seconded Councillor Hull** that the Infrastructure and Strategy Committee:

1. Pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(b) and (d) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Infrastructure and Strategy Committee orders that all persons present, with the exception of the following persons: Cr Tim Gard, Cr Tim Pfeiffer, Adrian Skull, Vincent Mifsud, Abby Dickson, Tony Lines, Kate McKenzie, Elaine Delgado, Greg Salmon and Carla Zub, be excluded from the meeting as the Committee receives and considers information relating to the BMX Project, upon the basis that it is satisfied that the requirement for the meeting to be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep consideration of the matter confidential on the grounds that the report contains information of a commercial nature and would on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

**Carried unanimously**

6.39pm the meeting went into confidence

**Moved Councillor Gard, Seconded Councillor Hull** that:

1. In accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Committee orders that this report, BMX Project – Progress Report, associated appendices and the minutes arising from this report having been considered in confidence under Section 90(2) and (3)(b) and (d) of the Act, except when required to effect or comply with Council's resolution(s) regarding this matter, be kept confidential and not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months from the date of this meeting. This confidentiality order will be reviewed at the General Council Meeting in December 2018.

**Carried unanimously**

8.39pm the meeting came out of confidence

## **8. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **8.1 8.40pm Infrastructure Projects progress update Report Reference: ISC010518R8.1**

The Infrastructure projects were reviewed with the following comments made:

Soccer Facilities:

- The artificial soccer pitches have a membrane installed as part of their typical construction detail, this membrane will potentially assist in minimising the soil movement.

Mitchell Park Sports and Community Centre:

- The Office for Recreation and Sport will be liaising with the Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing to discuss the provision of basketball in southern Adelaide
- The City of West Torrens could be included in a submission to state government re joint funding

Marion Outdoor Pool Upgrade:

- Project is progressing with works to be undertaken during the off-season

**Moved Councillor Cr Hull, Seconded Councillor Pfeiffer** that the Infrastructure and Strategy Committee:

1. Notes the progress report on key infrastructure projects.

**Carried unanimously**

## 9. WORKSHOP

### 9.1 8.48pm Smart Cities Opportunities Report Reference: ISC010518R9.1

Ms Harvey introduced the report noting:

- A draft Smart Cities definition is proposed for consideration by Members
- Additional information has been provided on five potential pilot projects to trial over the next 1-2 years

The following comments were raised/noted:

- Consideration should be given to the placement of sensors on existing infrastructure to 'test run' the technology as a mechanism to gather baseline data
- Communications with the community on placement and use of sensors is critical
- It is important that use of technology supports the meeting of community needs through effective problem solving addressing issues such as maintenance and management of footpaths and stormwater
- The focus for use of technology needs to be on improving customer service delivery and business performance
- The number and type of pilot projects could be expanded to assist Elected Members' understanding of the project rankings as the current pilot projects focus on two project types – 1) to address specific problems; 2) open-ended scopes
- There is potential for a precinct approach at sites such as Tonsley and Oaklands where, through the display of live data relating to car parking availability at train stations, technology could support a change in transport choice from use of a private vehicle to electing to park the private vehicle and use public transport
- It is important that Council is prepared and ready to embrace opportunities that are low risk and readily available
- The focus for use of technology should be to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Council's core business, and build collaborative partnerships
- Use of technology to support revenue raising should not be considered as a primary driver
- Development of a Smart Cities Framework that provides the 'big picture' should be separate from Projects that provide 'detail'

The Priority Scoring System as a tool to evaluate potential projects was supported by Members with the following points raised/noted:

- Council should be a 'fast follower' using technology to identify solutions where there is evidence it has been effective in similar situations
- Include criteria: 'Low risk innovative solutions' and 'cost'

**Action: Prepare guiding principles for a Smart Cities approach that reflect:**

- **Balanced risk management**
- **Council's support as a 'fast follower' where use of technology is proven to lead to desired outcomes**
- **Council's support to use technology for low risk innovative projects**

The following points were made in discussion with Committee Members and Elected Members on the term 'Smart Cities':

- The value of the term 'Smart Cities' was questioned as it should be embedded in how Council delivers its services to its community through use of technology, rather than projects being specifically labelled 'Smart Cities'

- The use of the term 'Smart Cities' is likely to be transient
- 'Smart Cities' as a concept is not well understood by the community, therefore it is important that this is taken into consideration in communicating with the community
- A preference for the term 'Innovation' was raised as it has broader application such as in urban design, waste management, etc. rather than the Smart Cities which has a limited focus on technology
- The term 'Smart Cities' links to Council's purpose: 'To improve our residents' quality of life; continuously, smartly and efficiently'
- Identifying and using data to support effective problem solving that is central to a Smart Cities approach is critical
- It is important that lessons learned through innovation projects/approaches are recorded and shared

**Actions:**

- **Analyse customer data to identify potential problems for consideration of using technology and data focused solutions by the Infrastructure and Strategy Committee**
- **Present the findings of the survey from the leadership team on potential technology and data opportunities to the next Infrastructure and Strategy Committee meeting**

The Mayor invited Mr Gray to provide a summary of comments. These included:

- Advantages of the use of the term 'Smart Cities' are that it:
  - Aligns with state and federal government directions and funding opportunities such as the Smart Cities and Suburbs Program
  - Is the next revolution of the technology transformation
  - Focuses on use of technology to obtain data to improve customer service
- The definition for Smart Cities needs to be meaningful for the City of Marion
- The criteria of 'commerciality' is included in the Priority Scoring System to address the role of Smart Cities in increasing cost efficiencies and commerciality for Council and partners

**Moved Councillor Hull, Seconded Councillor Prior** that the Infrastructure and Strategy Committee:

1. **Be presented with data re potential problems and opportunities for further discussion to the next Infrastructure and Strategy Committee to be held on 5 June 2018**
2. **Supports the presentation to Council of a grant submission to the second round of the Smart Cities and Suburbs Grants Program**

**Carried unanimously**

**10. PRESENTATION**

Nil

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**12. MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting was declared closed at 9.00pm.

**13. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Infrastructure and Strategy Committee will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 5 June 2018 in the Council Chamber, 245 Sturt Road, Sturt.

**CONFIRMED**

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**CHAIRPERSON**

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