



AGENDA

FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND TREES SUB COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON

4 DECEMBER 2023 AT 6.30 PM

**IN THE LITTLE PARA CONFERENCE ROOMS, SALISBURY COMMUNITY HUB,
34 CHURCH STREET, SALISBURY**

MEMBERS

Cr L Brug (Chairman)
Mayor G Aldridge (ex officio)
Deputy Mayor, Cr C Buchanan
Cr J Chewparsad
Cr P Jensen
Cr S McKell (Deputy Chairman)
Cr S Ouk

REQUIRED STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Mr J Harry
General Manager City Infrastructure, Mr J Devine
Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr C Mansueto
General Manager Community Development, Mrs A Pokoney Cramey
General Manager City Development, Ms M English
Manager Governance, Mr R Deco

APOLOGIES

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Presentation of the Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee Meeting held on 13 November 2023.

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MOTIONS ON NOTICE

There are no Motions on Notice

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

There are no Questions on Notice

OTHER BUSINESS

(Motions without Notice, Questions Without Notice, CEO Updates)

CLOSE



**MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND TREES SUB COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN THE LITTLE PARA CONFERENCE ROOMS,
SALISBURY COMMUNITY HUB, 34 CHURCH STREET, SALISBURY ON**

13 NOVEMBER 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT	Cr L Brug (Chairman) Mayor G Aldridge (ex officio) Deputy Mayor, Cr C Buchanan Cr J Chewparsad Cr P Jensen (<i>from 6:59pm</i>) Cr S McKell (Deputy Chairman) Cr S Ouk
OBSERVERS	Cr B Brug
STAFF	Chief Executive Officer, Mr J Harry General Manager City Infrastructure, Mr J Devine Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr C Mansueto General Manager Community Development, Mrs A Pokoney Cramey General Manager City Development, Ms M English Manager Field Services, Mr M Purdie Manager Infrastructure Design & Delivery, Mr J Collins Team Leader Parks & Open Space, Mr N John Team Leader Governance, Ms J O'Keefe-Craig PA to General Manager City Infrastructure, Ms H Prasad Governance Trainee, Ms M Prasad

The meeting commenced at 6.36 pm.

The Chairman welcomed the Elected Members, members of the public and staff to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Nil.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr S Ouk

Seconded Mayor G Aldridge

The Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee Meeting held on 09 October 2023, be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

REPORTS

ESATS1 Future Reports for the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee

Moved Cr S McKell

Seconded Cr J Chewparsad

That Council:

1. Notes the report.

CARRIED

ESATS2 Deferred - Tree Removal Requests - Monthly Update for August 2023

Moved Cr C Buchanan

Seconded Cr J Chewparsad

That Council:

1. Notes the report.
2. Requests Administration write to the applicants who requested the removal of the trees as outlined in paragraphs 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 3.10 and 3.11 of the report (Item ESATS2 – Deferred Tree Removal Requests – Monthly Update for August 2023, Environmental Sustainability and Tree Sub Committee, 13 November 2023) informing them of the Administration’s initial assessment and determination to refuse the tree removals and advise them that the Environmental Sustainability and Tree Sub Committee invites them to lodge an appeal.

CARRIED

ESATS3 Tree Removal Requests - Monthly Update for September 2023

Mayor G Aldridge left the meeting at 6:46 pm.

Mayor G Aldridge returned to the meeting at 6:47 pm.

Moved Cr S McKell

Seconded Mayor G Aldridge

That Council:

1. Notes the report.

CARRIED

ESATS4 Appeals Report - Tree Removal Requests - Various Locations for September 2023

Moved Cr C Buchanan

Seconded Cr J Chewparsad

That Council:

1. Notes that the technical tree assessments undertaken for Side of 22 Claxton Way (Shiraz court) Burton, 13 Cordoba Ave Gulfview Heights, 1 x front of 18 Orinoco and 1 x front of 23 Orinoco Street, Paralowie, 7 Birch Ave, Salisbury East, 7 Bearing Road, Salisbury North does not conclude removal be recommended, based solely on the application of Council approved tree removal criteria.
2. Notes that, as part of the appeal process, the refused tree removal requests appealed during the month of September 2023, as outlined in the report (Item ESATS4 Appeals Report – Tree Removal Requests – Monthly Update for September 2023 – Environmental Sustainability and Tree Sub Committee, 13 October 2023), are now presented to the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee for consideration and/or recommendation to Council as per the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee’s Terms of Reference.

That the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee, using its delegated authority under its adopted Terms of Reference:

3. Approves the removal of the one (non-regulated/significant) Eucalyptus leucoxylon tree at Side of 22 Claxton Way (Shiraz Court), Burton and that a replacement tree be planted.
4. Approves the removal the one (non-regulated/significant) Eucalyptus leucoxylon tree at 13 Cordoba Avenue, Gulfview Heights and that a replacement tree be planted.
5. Approves the removal the one (non-regulated/significant) Eucalyptus intertexta tree at #18 Orinoco Street, Paralowie and that a replacement tree be planted.

6. Approves the removal the one (non-regulated/significant) Eucalyptus largiflorens tree at #23 Orinoco Street, Paralowie and that a replacement tree be planted.
7. Refuses the removal the one (non-regulated/significant) Sophora tree at 7 Birch Avenue, Salisbury East.
8. Approves the removal the one (non-regulated/significant) Angophora Costata tree at 7 Bearing Road, Salisbury North and that a replacement tree be planted.

Cr P Jensen entered the meeting at 6:59 pm.

CARRIED

ESATS5 Climate Change Risk Assessment - Initial Findings

Moved Cr S McKell
Seconded Mayor G Aldridge

That Council:

1. Notes the report.

CARRIED

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

There were no Motions on Notice

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

There were no Questions on Notice

OTHER BUSINESS

(Motions without Notice, Questions Without Notice, CEO Updates)

ESATS-OB1 Review of Tree Removal Policy

Moved Cr C Buchanan

Seconded Cr P Jensen

That Council:

1. Requests Administration review the Tree Management Policy and Tree Removal Procedures with a view to amend the removal criteria to include considerations relating to appeals received by residents and/or Elected Members on behalf of residents and the decisions made by the Environmental Sustainability and Tree Sub Committee using delegated authority allowed for under its Terms of Reference and that Administration present a report on the reviewed policy and procedure in January 2024.

CARRIED

CLOSE

The meeting closed at 7.06 pm.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....

INFORMATION ONLY

ITEM	ESATS1 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND TREES SUB COMMITTEE
DATE	04 December 2023
HEADING	Future Reports for the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee
AUTHOR	Corina Allen, City Infrastructure Administration Coordinator, City Infrastructure
CITY PLAN LINKS	4.2 We deliver quality outcomes that meet the needs of our community
SUMMARY	This item details reports to be presented to the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee as a result of a previous Council resolution.

RECOMMENDATIONThat Council:

1. Notes the report.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A list of resolutions requiring a future report to Council is presented to each Sub Committee and standing Committee for noting.
- 1.2 If reports have been deferred to a subsequent month, this will be indicated, along with a reason for the deferral.

2. CONSULTATION / COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 Nil.

3. REPORT

- 3.1 The following table outlines reports to be presented to the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee as a result of a previous Council resolution:

Meeting - Item	Heading and Resolution	Officer
23/10/23 ESATS1 Due:	Review of the tree management removal framework 4. Requests that the administration undertake an internal review of the tree management removal framework, to be reported to Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee by January 2024. February 2024	Mark Purdie
23/10/23 WMON2 Due:	Tree Planting - Reactive Planting Timeframes 1. Requests the administration to present a report to the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee by March 2024 in relation to the current timeframes for planting a street tree upon request from a resident, giving consideration to opportunities and options to improve the response times March 2024	Mark Purdie

CONCLUSION / PROPOSAL

- 4.1 Future reports for the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee have been reviewed and are presented to Council for noting.

INFORMATION ONLY


ITEM	ESATS2 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND TREES SUB COMMITTEE
DATE	04 December 2023
HEADING	Tree Removal Requests - October 2023
AUTHOR	Nigel John, Team Leader Parks & Landscape, City Infrastructure
CITY PLAN LINKS	1.1 Our City is attractive and well maintained 4.1 Members of our community receive an exceptional experience when interacting with Council
SUMMARY	This monthly report provides Elected Members with updates on tree removal requests received from residents.

RECOMMENDATIONThat Council:

1. Notes the report.

ATTACHMENTS

This document should be read in conjunction with the following attachments:

1. Tree Removal Requests summary - October 2023 [↓](#) 

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At its meeting held on Tuesday, 27 April 2021 Council resolved:

“That a standing report be established for every meeting of the Tree Management Appeals Sub Committee to inform Council of every application received for tree removal and the outcome of that request.”

Resolution Number 0916/2021

- 1.2 Staff currently upload a monthly tree removal request information table to the Elected Members Portal. This document has been adapted to provide further information and will now be reported to each meeting of the Environmental Sustainability and Trees Sub Committee.

2. CONSULTATION / COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 External
 - 2.1.1 Various residents.

3. REPORT

- 3.1 The attached table is a summary of requests for tree removals received and actioned by staff during the past months and have been provided on the Elected Member Portal for October 2023.
- 3.2 Fifty-three (53) tree removal requests were received in October 2023.
- 3.3 Of these requests, thirty-two (32) were approved for removal including four (4) significant or regulated trees approved through development applications. Twenty-one (21) requests were refused. Of these, fourteen (14) are related to significant or regulated trees under the *Planning Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*.
- 3.4 Tree removal requests often result in ongoing dialogue between the owner of the property and Council on the proposed tree removal and subsequent discussions around the species type and location of the new street tree.
- 3.5 It is important to note that through various annual programs Council plants 2,000 trees each year. These programs include Street Tree Renewal Program, In-fill Planting Program, Tree Screen Renewal Program, Reserve Upgrade Program, Feature Landscape Renewal Program, Greening Program, School Tree Planting Program, Major Projects and ad-hoc planting requests. These tree renewal programs are cognisant of regulated, significant trees or those forming habitat corridors.

4. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

- 4.1 The budget allocation for reactive tree removals for 2023/24 is \$363,000. As at the end of October 2023, \$223,588.00 has been committed to works leaving \$139,412.00 budget allocation for the remainder of the financial year.




5. CONCLUSION / PROPOSAL

- 5.1 It is proposed that the information contained in the report be noted.

Tree Removal Request - Summary

October 2023

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ADDRESS			DATE	REFERENCE	APPROVED OR APPROVAL SUPPORTED	REFUSED NOT Regulated/Significant	REFUSED Regulated/Significant
1	Brahma Lodge	21 Dorset Street - Regulated - APPEAL - Action required from Council Meeting 27/3/23 - 4.0.3- ESATS3	5/10/2023	C 410895 DA 23029220			D/A Refused - Regulated - APPEAL 
2	Brahma Lodge	15 The Strand - Significant Tree - APPEALED at Council Meeting 27/03/23	19/10/2023	CRM 412240 DA 23030601			DA Refused - Significant - APPEAL 
3	Burton	33 Condor Avenue - Regulated - APPEAL - Action required from Council Meeting 27/3/23 - 4.0.3- ESATS3	3/10/2023	C 410879 DA 23029067			D/A Refused - Regulated - APPEAL 

Item ESATS2 - Attachment 1 - Tree Removal Requests summary - October 2023

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ADDRESS			DATE	REFERENCE	APPROVED OR APPROVAL SUPPORTED	REFUSED NOT Regulated/Significant	REFUSED Regulated/Significant
4	Burton	41 Potts Crescent - dead tree	9/10/2023	E 340649	Approved - dead tree		
5	Burton	1 Martinwood Close	17/10/2023	Case 1660 E 341984		Refused- health rating (2) Fair	
6	Gulfview Heights	Cordoba Ave Res side 38 Trowbridge-rear 5 Cadiz	9/10/2023	E 339833	Approved		
7	Gulfview Heights	side 2 Cobblestone Close - Regulated - Coachouse Drive	12/10/2023	Case 964 Enquiry 341423			Refused - Regulated 
8	Gulfview Heights	side 2 Cobblestone Close - Coachouse Drive	12/10/2023	Case 964 Enquiry 341423		Refused- health rating (2) fair	
9	Gulfview Heights	13 Rosewall Avenue - DA 23026153	19/10/2023	Case 358 E 340937	Approved at Cost		
10	Ingle Farm	46 Sloan Road - Regulated	6/10/2023	E 309022 DA 23029293	D/A Approved - Regulated Tree		
11	Ingle Farm	Amundsen Gully - side 67 Marrett Drive - 1 tree extending towards dwelling	12/10/2023	E 340468	Approved x 1		
12	Ingle Farm	17 Luprena Avenue - dead tree	13/10/2023	Case 1463 E 341806	Approved - dead tree		

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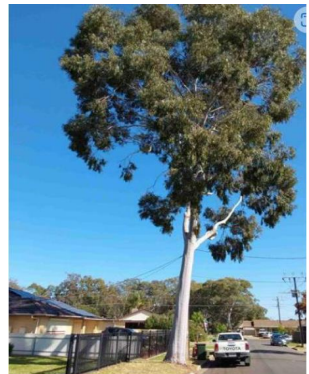
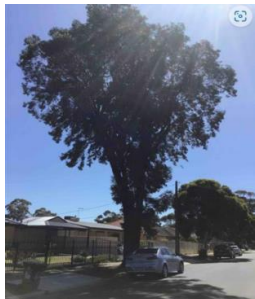
ADDRESS			DATE	REFERENCE	APPROVED OR APPROVAL SUPPORTED	REFUSED NOT Regulated/Significant	REFUSED Regulated/Significant
13	Mawson Lakes	58 Macmillan Avenue	17/10/2023	Case 288 E 340877		Refused- pruning supported	
14	Mawson Lakes	1 Tyrell Court - tree on cnr next to drive	17/10/2023	E 340651	Approved x 1		
15	Mawson Lakes	10 Weira Street - tree nearest corner	20/10/2023	E 340186	Approved x 1		
16	Para Hills	34 Sleep Road - nearest drive	6/10/2023	E 341043	Approved x 1		
17	Para Hills	Amundsen Gully Reserve - Robert Court next to drain headwall - Casuarina	9/10/2023	E 340926	Approved		
18	Para Hills	side 15 Sleep Road - Frances Avenue -Regulated - APPEALED at Council Meeting 27/03/23 - DW 7711994	16/10/2023	C412132 DA 23030229			DA Refused - Regulated - APPEAL 
19	Para Hills West	3 Rita Street - tree nearest drive/stobie	9/10/2023	E 340828	Approved x 1		
20	Para Hills West	Huxtable Reserve - rear 4 Bindi - Regulated	9/10/2023	E 333454 DA 23029683	D/A Approved - Regulated Tree		
21	Para Vista	28 Malbanda Avenue - DA 23027432 - New Dwelling	9/10/2023	E341290	Approved at Cost		

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22	Para Vista	side 7 Bruce Court - Milligan Drive - 3 trees	11/10/2023	E 339564	Approved x 3		
23	Parafield Gardens	38 Halifax Avenue - Regulated	9/10/2023	E 341640			Refused - Regulated 
24	Parafield Gardens	8 Airdrie Avenue	11/10/2023	E 340590	Approved		
25	Parafield Gardens	10 Blueberry Road - stump - DA 23009784	16/10/2023	E 342832	Approved		
26	Parafield Gardens	49 Shorney Road - Regulated - APPEALED at Council Meeting 27/03/23 - DW 7711994	17/10/2023	C 411047 DA 23030503			DA Refused - Regulated - APPEAL 

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ADDRESS			DATE	REFERENCE	APPROVED OR APPROVAL SUPPORTED	REFUSED NOT Regulated/Significant	REFUSED Regulated/Significant
27	Parafield Gardens	4 Cook Street - Regulated - nearest drive	17/10/2023	Case 511 E 341046			Refused - Regulated 
28	Parafield Gardens	4 Cook Street - Regulated - furthest from drive	17/10/2023	Case 511 E 341046			Refused - Regulated 
29	Paralowie	265 Kings Road	6/10/2023	E 339963	Approved		
30	Paralowie	22 Duke Street	11/10/2023	E 340744	Approved		
31	Paralowie	2B Duchess Court	12/10/2023	Case 917 E 341372		Refused- pruning supported	
32	Paralowie	91 Metala Road - 1 dead tree and 2 palms	13/10/2023	Case 492 E 341033	Approved		

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33	Paralowie	4 Bayonet Drive - Regulated - APPEALED at Council Meeting 27/03/23 - DW 7711994	12/10/2023	C 408512 DA 23029945			DA Refused - Regulated - APPEAL 
34	Paralowie	16 McQueen Court - Regulated - APPEALED at Council Meeting 27/03/23 - DW 7711994	13/10/2023	CRM 410329 DA 23029948			DA Refused - Regulated - APPEAL 
35	Salisbury	22B Malcolm Street	17/10/2023	Case 877 E 341342	Approved		
36	Salisbury	18 Pat Street	17/10/2023	Case 1302 E 341691	Approved		
37	Salisbury	85-87 Cross Keys Road - Regulated	16/10/2023	CRM 433658	D/A Approved - Regulated		

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38	Salisbury East	16 Adaleigh Avenue - DA 23000456 - New Dwellings	10/10/2023	E 342456	Approved at Cost x 1		
39	Salisbury East	10 Barrington Crescent	11/10/2023	E 340588	Approved		
40	Salisbury East	4 Bristol Way	12/10/2023	Case 756 E 341245	Approved		
41	Salisbury East	9 Andrew Avenue	12/10/2023	Case 237 E 340852	Approved		
42	Salisbury East	12 Austral Street - Regulated	17/10/2023	E 340640			Refused - Regulated 
43	Salisbury Heights	97 Stanford Road - Regulated (nearest no. 99) request raised by resident at no. 99	6/10/2023	E 340377			Refused - Regulated 

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ADDRESS			DATE	REFERENCE	APPROVED OR APPROVAL SUPPORTED	REFUSED NOT Regulated/Significant	REFUSED Regulated/Significant
44	Salisbury Heights	101 Stanford Road - request raised by resident at no. 99	6/10/2023	E 340377		Refused- pruning supported and health rating (2) good	
45	Salisbury Heights	16 Morey Drive - Regulated x 2 at side	11/10/2023	E 339498			Refused - Regulated x 2 
46	Salisbury Heights	16 Morey Drive - 2 at front	11/10/2023	E 339498		Refused x 2- health rating (2) fair- pruning supported	
47	Salisbury North	99 Waterloo Corner Road - dead tree	9/10/2023	E 341807	Approved - dead tree		
48	Salisbury North	77 Kelsey Road - Regulated	9/10/2023	E 335463 DA 23029688	D/A Approved - Regulated Tree		
49	Salisbury North	108 Bolivar Road - Euc intertexta - crown directly under HV lines	12/10/2023	C 433198	Approved x 1		
50	Salisbury North	2 Ludwell Avenue - small tree	20/10/2023	E 336092	Approved x 1		
51	Salisbury Park	side 7 Carlingford Drive - tree abutting fenceline of property on Karingal Crescent	20/10/2023	E 336128	Approved x 1		
52	Valley View	rear 22 Helen Terrace - Philip Crescent	4/10/2023	437867		Refused- health rating (1) good and tree located within reserve	

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ADDRESS			DATE	REFERENCE	APPROVED OR APPROVAL SUPPORTED	REFUSED NOT Regulated/Significant	REFUSED Regulated/Significant
53	Walkley Heights	side 8 Pioneer Ave - 221 - Rowe Circuit	11/10/2023	E 342451	Approved at Cost x 1		

ITEM	ESATS3
	ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND TREES SUB COMMITTEE
DATE	04 December 2023
HEADING	Sustainability Partnerships
AUTHOR	Lara Daddow, Coordinator Strategic Sustainability, City Development
CITY PLAN LINKS	1.5 Our community is resilient and adaptive to change 2.2 We make the most of our resources including water, waste and energy 2.3 Our community, environment and infrastructure are adaptive to a changing climate
SUMMARY	In October 2021 Council deferred becoming a partner of the Cities Power Partnership program and requested that appropriate partnerships be considered following the completion and adoption of the Sustainability Strategy. Existing partnerships and memberships that support implementation of the Sustainability Strategy and opportunities to engage in new partnerships have been identified.




RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approves becoming a partner of the Cities Power Partnership program.
2. Notes that the items from the Cities Power Partnership pledge list that are proposed as commitments will be presented to Council for decision in mid-2024 based on opportunities identified through participation in the Local Government Association (LGA) Net Zero Accelerate Program.
3. Approves pursuing establishment of a trial Regional Climate Partnership with the City of Playford, Town of Gawler, LGA and Department for Environment and Water.

ATTACHMENTS

This document should be read in conjunction with the following attachments:

1. Attachment 1 - Partnerships supporting the implementation of the Sustainability Strategy [↓](#) 
2. Attachment 2 - Alignment of partnerships to actions in the Sustainability Strategy [↓](#) 
3. Attachment 3 - Cities Power Partnership pledge options [↓](#) 

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At its meeting held on 25 October 2021 Council considered a report in relation to the Cities Partnership Program and resolved that Council:

“Defers becoming a partner of the Cities Power Partnership program and that appropriate partnerships be considered following the completion and adoption of the Sustainability Strategy.”

Resolution Number 1124/2021

- 1.2 To inform consideration of appropriate partnerships to support implementation of the Sustainability Strategy a list of existing and possible future partnerships is provided in Attachment 1.
- 1.3 Existing partnerships include Green Adelaide, a Department for Human Services / SAHMRI project, NAWMA, the LGA Net Zero Accelerate Program, Water Sensitive SA, the Adelaide Coastal Councils Network, the Green Building Council, Grow It Local program, a number of research projects and Better Building Finance (to support the Building Upgrade Finance program).
- 1.4 Possible future partnerships include a Regional Climate Partnership for the northern Adelaide region, various State Government grant programs, the Cities Power Partnership Program, various Australian Government grant programs and international partnerships.
- 1.5 A table in Attachment 2 illustrates the level of value and strategic alignment of existing and possible future partnerships against actions in the Sustainability Strategy. Implementation of 34 of the 48 actions are currently supported by existing partnerships. Implementation of 29 of the 48 actions could be furthered or strengthened by possible future partnerships.

2. EXTERNAL CONSULTATION / COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 N/A

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 As demonstrated in Attachment 2, the two possible future partnerships that are currently available to pursue and have the most value and strategic alignment to implementation of the Sustainability Strategy, are a Regional Climate Partnership for the northern Adelaide region and the Cities Power Partnership.
- 3.2 As always, the availability of State and Federal Government grant programs is monitored and projects pursued where relevant. Two current opportunities are listed below.
- 3.2.1 The Community Energy Upgrade Program was announced by the Australian Government in June 2023. This program and potential energy infrastructure projects that reduce operational costs and emissions will be reviewed once the guidelines are released (they are expected to be released later in December 2023).
- 3.2.2 Round two of the Federal Urban rivers and Catchments Program opens on 27 November 2023 with applications due on 13 February 2024. The Program will fund projects to conserve native and threatened species and improve the ecological health of urban waterways.

Regional Climate Partnership

- 3.3 A Regional Climate Partnership for the northern Adelaide region with the City of Playford, Town of Gawler, LGA and Department for Environment and Water would assist to pool resources to deliver greater benefits to the City of Salisbury community and provide the opportunity to access annual funding from the State Government for a coordinator role to facilitate collaborative climate action. It is understood that these parties are interested in trialing a Regional Climate Partnership.
- 3.4 The northern Adelaide region is the only region in the Greater Adelaide metropolitan area that is not supported on climate action through a Regional Climate Partnership.

Cities Power Partnership Program

- 3.5 The Cities Power Partnership is a national local government program that provides resources, monthly webinars, and an online forum to share knowledge and build capacity of local councils to deliver climate and energy goals. 180 local councils nationally including 13 SA councils participate in the program. There is no membership fee. In signing up Council would commit to:
- Identifying five items included in the Cities Power Partnership pledge list to commit to achieve within six months of joining (pledge options that may be relevant for the City of Salisbury are highlight in yellow in Attachment 3).
 - Complete an online survey annually that provides basic information on progress of the five pledge items that Council has selected.
 - Nominate a point of contact person for the program.
 - Confirm willingness to connect and collaborate with other local councils to share knowledge.
- 3.6 City of Salisbury is participating in the Net Zero Accelerate program funded by the Department for Environment and Water and facilitated by the LGA in 2024. Participation in this program supports development of an organisational emissions reduction plan (which is an action in the Sustainability Strategy). The program will culminate in delivery of a baseline emissions inventory and projections which will assist with identification of emission reduction opportunities. Participation in this program reduces the overall cost of developing an emissions reduction plan as it is funded by Department for Environment and Water with a small co-contribution of \$500 from each Council.
- 3.7 Participation in the LGA Net Zero Accelerate program will assist to clarify appropriate pledges from the Cities Power Partnership program list (refer Attachment 3) that can be presented to Council for consideration in mid-2024.

4. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

- 4.1 There are no budgetary impacts of recommendations in this report.
- 4.2 There are no fees for joining the Cities Power Partnership Program.
- 4.3 The trial of a Regional Climate Partnership would be undertaken within existing operational resources and budgets.
- 4.4 Partnership opportunities will be aligned to the delivery of the Sustainability Strategy 2035. Should any financial impacts arise (such as grant programs or Cities Power Partnership pledges) they will be considered as part of the annual business plan and budget processes or brought to Council for consideration for budget reallocations as applicable.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 There is demonstrated value and strategic alignment with pursuing establishment of a Regional Climate Partnership for northern Adelaide and becoming a Cities Power Partnership partner to support implementation of the Sustainability Strategy.

Attachment 1 - Partnerships to support implementation of the Sustainability Strategy 2035

Existing partnerships & memberships

South Australia

Green Adelaide

- Hosting of an education coordinator and officers that deliver the Green Adelaide Sustainable Schools program in northern Adelaide (ongoing)
- Collaboration on tree canopy and heat mapping and data
- Cooler, Greener, Wilder Grant funding for Railway corridor rehabilitation, Pooraka (2023/24)

Department of Human Services/SAHMRI

- Member of Secure Food Systems Advisory Group exploring the role of food and social systems in supporting communities experiencing food insecurity

National Parks and Wildlife Service

- Joint working group to progress discussions on management of the St Kilda mangrove trail and visitor centre. Terms of reference are under development.

NAWMA

- The NAWMA partnership and service provides kerbside and hard refuse collections and drop off services for the community as well as for council buildings. Additional adhoc programs and services such as the Give a Sheet initiative are implemented where possible.

University of South Australia research projects

- Mechanistic design of permeable paving, including water-transferring solutions (multiple council and industry partners, to commence soon, 3.5 year project)
- Influence of expansive soil on water pipes and pavement infrastructures (multiple council and industry partners, to commence soon, 3.5 year project)

University of Adelaide research projects

- Use of and connection to green space among culturally and linguistically diverse communities (underway)
- Development of novel decision support tool for urban planning to maximise health and environmental benefits (to commence in December 2023, 18 month project)
- Citizen Science EOI exploring how low-income community definitions of quality greenspace align with biodiversity indicators (EOI currently – status of grant is in progress)

Local Government Research & Development Fund research project

- Decision support for lower greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in local roads and footpaths (City of Charles Sturt are the lead council, with multiple council and industry partners, to commence December 2023, 18 month project)

Local Government Association Net Zero 'accelerate' Program

- Participation in the Net Zero 'accelerate' Program for Local Government funded by the Department for Environment and Water. This program will deliver a baseline corporate greenhouse gas inventory, and summary report including emission reduction opportunities linked to Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions by mid-2024.

Water Sensitive SA

- Program partner of [Water Sensitive SA](#)

Adelaide Coastal Councils Network (ACCN)

- Member of the Adelaide Coastal Councils Network which is facilitated by the LGA and has council members from coastal councils in Adelaide. The network is responsible for delivering several projects that contribute to integrated coastal management across Adelaide's metropolitan coastline. This includes the Climate Ready Coasts project which is a \$3.7 million Federally funded joint initiative involving the State Government's Department for Environment and Water and the LGA.

National

Green Building Council of Australia

- [Green Building Council Australia](#) supports staff capacity, knowledge sharing and policy advocacy on sustainable buildings.

Grow It Local program

- The [Grow it Local](#) program supports community food growing activities and education.

Better Building Finance

- Agreement with national organisation that supports councils administer and promote the Building Upgrade Finance program.

Possible new / future partnership options

South Australia

Regional Climate Partnership for the northern Adelaide region

- There are four active Regional Climate Partnerships that receive funding from the Department for Environment and Water for coordinator roles and include partner councils from Kangaroo Island, the Fleurieu Peninsula, Adelaide Hills, southern Adelaide, eastern Adelaide and western Adelaide.
- Recent collaborative projects that are being delivered by Regional Climate Partnerships include the Resilient Asset Management Project, Sustainable Homes Expert Webinars, a Climate Ready Homes project and advice to councils on key messages for the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan discussion paper.
- There is an opportunity to partner with northern Adelaide councils (City of Playford and Town of Gawler) to establish a partnership to facilitate regional climate projects which will

assist to pool resources to deliver greater benefits to the CoS community and support access to State Government funding for additional resources.

State Government grant programs

- Green Adelaide Cooler, Greener, Wilder Grants Program – Funding for local government projects that deliver greening outcomes, incorporate water sensitive urban design or biodiversity sensitive urban design principles.
- Stormwater Management Authority Stormwater Management Fund – Funding for stormwater management planning and stormwater infrastructure.
- Planning and Development Fund Open Space Grant Program - Funding for the Green Trails Program along Dry Creek and Little Para has been accessed in previous years and could be a source of funding for future trails development.
- Department for Infrastructure and Transport State Bicycle Fund - Funding for the Gawler Greenway cycling project has been accessed previously and could be a source of funding for future cycling infrastructure projects.
- Green Industries SA various grant schemes – Funding for a variety of initiatives that divert waste from landfill are available each year

National

Cities Power Partnership Program

The [Cities Power Partnership](#) is a national local government program that provides resources, monthly webinars, and an online forum to share knowledge and build capacity of local councils to deliver climate and energy goals. 180 local councils nationally including 13 SA councils participate in the program. There is no membership fee. In signing up councils commit to:

- Within 6 months, identify 5 items included in the Cities Power Partnership pledge list that the council will commit to achieve. (Noting that some projects already in the council pipeline could be included towards a council's pledge)
- Complete an online survey annually that provides basic information on progress of the 5 pledge items that council has selected
- Nominate a point of contact person in the council for the program
- Confirm that willingness to connect and collaborate with other local councils to share knowledge.

Australian Government grant programs

- Urban rivers and Catchments Program – Round two of this program opens on 27 November 2023 with applications due on 13 February 2024. The Program will fund small-medium projects from \$150,000 to \$2 million and large-scale projects with grants from \$2 million to \$10 million to conserve native and threatened species and improve the ecological health of urban waterways.
- National Emergency Management Agency – Funding for climate adaptation projects including coastal and flooding risk reduction projects may be available from future rounds of the Disaster Ready Fund and Emergency Response Fund
- Community Energy Upgrade Fund Program - The Australian Government announced the community energy upgrade funding program in June 2023. The program will support local governments through co-funding energy efficiency and electrification upgrades of local

government facilities. The fund will provide grants to local governments for improvements that may include:

- replacing high energy use heating in council pools with energy saving heat pumps
- installing energy efficient lighting at sporting fields, libraries and community centres
- investing in other energy efficiency upgrades.

The grant guidelines will be released in December 2023 and applications due in April 2024.

International

Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy

The [Global Covenant of Mayors](#) is the largest international alliance of cities, local governments, and partners committed to combating climate change. Over 13,000 local councils around the world including 34 local councils in Australia participate in this alliance, including City of West Torrens, City of Unley, Campbelltown Council, District Council of Mount Barker and City of Adelaide in South Australia. There are no membership fees, however in joining the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy a local council commits to the following:

- A community-scale GHG emission inventory, following the recommended guidance;
- An assessment of climate risks and vulnerabilities;
- Ambitious, measurable and time-bound target(s) to reduce/avoid GHG emissions;
- Ambitious climate change adaptation vision and goals, based on quantified scientific evidence when possible, to increase local resilience to climate change;
- An ambitious and just goal to improve access to secure, sustainable and affordable energy; and
- A formally adopted plan(s) addressing climate change mitigation / low emission development, climate resilience and adaptation, and access to sustainable energy.

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability (Oceania region)

[ICLEI](#) – Local Governments for Sustainability is a global network of more than 2500 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development. ICLEI facilitates programs and initiatives that drive local action for low emission, nature-based, equitable, resilient and circular development. Members and the ICLEI team work together through peer exchange, partnerships and capacity building to create systemic change for urban sustainability. South Australian councils who are members of ICLEI including Adelaide Hills Council, District Council of Mount Barker, City of Adelaide, City of Onkaparinga, City of Unley and City of West Torrens. An annual membership fee of approximately \$3,000 applies for ICLEI membership.

Action Item	Action	Action type	Existing partnerships & memberships (current scope)									
			Green Adelaide	DHS/ SAHMRI	NPWS	NAWMA	Research projects	LGA Net Zero accelerate Program	Water Sensitive SA	ACCN	Green Building Council	Grow It Local
Theme 1. Biodiverse Salisbury												
B1	Enhancing our five biodiversity corridors and completing the Green Trails Network in partnership with State Government	Existing										
B2	Managing and monitoring our key biodiversity sites	Existing										
B3	Partnering with Green Adelaide, Kaurna community, community groups, schools and NGOs to deliver and expand our biodiversity and sustainability education programs and events	Existing										
B4	Supporting residents, schools and community groups to enhance and protect biodiversity on private and public land through offering vouchers for local indigenous plants at subsidised prices	Existing										
B5	Partnering with the State Government to deliver a Sustainability Centre for Excellence and eco-tourism destination at St Kilda to support biodiversity conservation and education	New										
B6	Reviewing the Biodiversity Corridors Action Plan (2010) and establishing Biodiversity Management Plans for key sites	New										
B7	Investigating opportunities to create new biodiversity links and sites	New										
B8	Improving and creating Best Practice Biodiversity and Sustainability Spaces in partnership with peak bodies and industry stakeholders (eg. Biodiversity Sensitive Urban Design)	New										
Theme 2. Carbon Responsible Salisbury												
C1	Tracking of energy use and deploying energy efficiency and demand management technologies to improve energy productivity in Council buildings and assets, reduce carbon emissions and provide financial savings	Existing										
C2	Installing solar photovoltaic (PV) and energy storage on Council assets (e.g. buildings, reserves, pump stations, etc) where appropriate	Existing										
C3	Progressively transitioning to low emissions and electric vehicles as products become available and cost effective in the Australian market	Existing										
C4	Supporting sporting and community clubs to reduce carbon emissions and operating costs through the provision of electricity advice and expanding it to provide water and waste advice	Existing										
C5	Progressively update and publicly disclose the organisational carbon inventory	New										
C6	Develop a new Organisational Carbon Emissions Reduction Action Plan 2030 to work towards carbon neutrality by 2035	New										
C7	Partnering with the State Government to deliver community education programs to build understanding of the impacts of climate change and how to reduce their carbon footprint	New										
C8	Provide support and education to businesses to address sustainability of their operations and reduce carbon emissions	New										
C9	Work with third party providers to find suitable locations to install electric vehicle chargers	New										
C10	Support active travel including walking and cycling connections and safety as part of precinct, streetscape and infrastructure upgrades and advocate to the State Government and other parties for inclusion of active travel infrastructure in developments and upgrades	New										
Theme 3. Climate Resilient Salisbury												
CR1	Implementing existing climate adaptation and resilience projects, strategies and plans	Existing										
CR2	Implementing climate resilience into Council housing developments through inclusion of sustainability measures such as recycled water and specification of design guidelines for purchasers	Existing										
CR3	Implementing Major Flood Mitigation Projects to reduce risk of flooding to homes and businesses	Existing										
CR4	Collaborating with State Government, Councils and NGOs to deliver Community Support and Education Programs that build resilience to climate change	Existing										
CR5	Supporting and promoting community gardening and other community led food security initiatives	Existing										
CR6	Expanding the Salisbury Water Distribution Network to supply recycled water to reserves to improve greening and cooling outcomes	Existing										
CR7	Undertaking emergency management planning and responding to natural hazards and extreme weather	Existing										
CR8	Continuing to improve tree canopy cover in open spaces	Existing										
CR9	Undertaking a Climate Change Risk Assessment to understand the corporate exposure to the physical, economic transition and liability risks associated with climate change	New										
CR10	Incorporating climate change risks into asset management and financial planning	New										
CR11	Reviewing and updating the Regional Public Health Plan	New										
Theme 4. Resourceful Salisbury												
R1	Partnering with Green Industries SA and NAWMA to expand green waste service by providing green bins, kitchen caddies, compostable bags and educational material to residents	Existing										
R2	Maintaining a weekly kerbside collection service and delivering educational resources for our culturally and linguistically diverse community to assist to reduce waste generation and increase resource recovery	Existing										
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W1	Delivering the Watercourse Management Works and the Drainage and Waterways Programs	Existing										
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W3	Identifying additional customer demand for alternative water and developing new sites and opportunities to capture and store more stormwater to meet the demand	Existing										
W4	Collaborating with State Government, Water Sensitive SA and NGOs to deliver community engagement and education programs	Existing										
W5	Monitoring water quality within city catchments.	Existing										
W6	Continue to collaborate with State Government and SA Water on development of the Resilient Water Futures Strategy	Existing										
W7	Evaluating opportunities for 'greening' the city, particularly in locations where it will mitigate urban heat and increase urban biodiversity	New										
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Attachment 2 - Alignment of partnerships to actions in the Sustainability Strategy - Possible New

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The Partnership Action Pledges

Members select 5 key actions from dozens of partnership pledges.

Renewable Energy



Develop supportive planning laws to encourage residents and industry to adopt renewable energy.

Use council resources to support the uptake of renewable energy

Install renewable energy (solar PV and battery storage) on council buildings.

Support community facilities to access renewable energy through incentives, support or grants.

Power council operations by renewable energy, and set targets to increase the level of renewable power for council operations over time.

Provide incentives and/or remove barriers to encourage local businesses to take up solar power and battery storage.

Support local community renewable energy projects, and encourage investment in community energy.

Opening up unused council managed land for renewable energy.

Facilitate large energy users collectively tendering and

purchasing renewable energy at a low cost.

Set minimum renewable energy benchmarks for new developments.

Electrify public transport systems and fleet vehicles and power these by 100% renewable energy.

Lobby electricity providers and state government to address barriers to local renewable energy uptake.

Identify opportunities to turn organic waste into electricity.

Implement landfill gas methane flaring or capture for electricity generation.

Create a revolving green energy fund to finance renewable energy projects.

Energy Efficiency



Set minimum energy efficiency benchmarks for all planning applications.

Adopt best practice energy efficiency measures across all council buildings, and support community facilities to adopt these measures.

Roll out energy efficient lighting across the municipality.

Provide incentives for energy efficient developments and upgrades to existing buildings.

Incentivise use of energy efficient heating and cooling technologies.

Create a green revolving energy fund to finance energy efficiency projects.

Sustainable Transport



Ensure Council fleet purchases meet strict greenhouse gas emissions requirements and support the uptake of electric vehicles.

Provide fast-charging infrastructure throughout the city at key locations for electric vehicles.

Encourage sustainable transport use such as public transport, walking and cycling through council transport planning and design.

Ensure that new developments are designed to maximize public and active transport use, and support electric vehicle uptake.

Support cycling through provision of adequate cycle lanes, bike parking and end-of-ride facilities.

Reduce or remove minimum car parking requirements for new housing and commercial developments where suitable public transport alternatives exist.

Lobby state and federal governments to increase sustainable transport options

Create disincentives for driving high emitting vehicles.

Convert council waste collection fleet to hydrogen or electric power.

Work Together and Influence



Set city-level renewable energy or emissions reduction targets.

Lobby state and federal government to address barriers to the take up of renewable energy, energy efficiency and/or sustainable transport.

Set up meetings and attend events to work with other cities on tackling climate change.

Develop education and behaviour-change programs to support local residents and businesses to tackle climate change through clean energy, energy efficiency and sustainable transport.

Lobby for state and federal support for a just transition away from coal-driven industry for local workers and the community.

Develop procurement policy to ensure that the practices of contractors and financiers align with council's renewable energy, energy efficiency and sustainable transport goals.

Support the local community to develop capacity and skills to tackle climate change.

Support local community energy groups with their community energy initiatives.

Achieve 100% divestment from fossil fuel aligned investments at the earliest possible date.

Join now and be part of the groundswell of local governments and communities across Australia tackling climate change.

BECOME A MEMBER NOW

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ITEM	ESATS4 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND TREES SUB COMMITTEE
DATE	04 December 2023
HEADING	Information Request: Tree Canopy Management by Local Government from Auditor General's Department
AUTHOR	Jonathan Foong, Manager Urban, Recreation and Natural Assets, City Infrastructure
CITY PLAN LINKS	1.5 Our community is resilient and adaptive to change 2.1 Salisbury has a balance of green spaces and natural environments that support biodiversity 2.3 Our community, environment and infrastructure are adaptive to a changing climate
SUMMARY	The City of Salisbury have received a letter dated 22 November 2023 from the Auditor General's Department (AGD) requesting for Council to participate in a tree survey of all metropolitan councils in the Greater Adelaide Region. The results will be reported to Parliament and be available on the AGD's website. Administration have completed the survey which is included as an attachment in this report.

RECOMMENDATIONThat Council:

1. Receives the information.

ATTACHMENTS

This document should be read in conjunction with the following attachments:

1. Letter to Salisbury Council - tree canopy survey from Auditor General's Department [↓](#) 
2. Tree canopy survey from Auditor-General's Department 2023-2024 [↓](#) 

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Administration have received a letter dated 22 November 2023 from the Auditor General's Department (AGD) requesting participation in a tree survey of metropolitan councils in the Greater Adelaide Region. The letter from the AGD is attached.
- 1.2 Administration is requested to complete the Tree Canopy Management Survey by 7 December 2023.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 The purpose of the letter is as follows:
 - 2.1.1 Provide City of Salisbury with details of the AGD's review of tree canopy management by metropolitan councils;
 - 2.1.2 Request for Administration to complete the Tree Canopy Management Survey, which includes management plans and activities; and
 - 2.1.3 Contact details of key officers.
- 2.2 Section 32(1)(c) of *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* (PFAA) enables the Auditor-General to review the efficiency, economy and effectiveness of the activities of publicly funded bodies. Section 4 of the PFAA includes a council constituted under the *Local Government Act 1999* in its definition of a publicly funded body.
- 2.3 Administration have not completed the Tree Canopy Management Survey however it is proposed to discuss responses at the Committee meeting. Clarification is being sought on a number of questions from the AGD before the administration complete the survey and have received approval for the survey to be submitted after the due date.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The Tree Canopy Management Survey has been completed by administration, and plans to meet with the Auditor General's Department for clarification. This will cause a delay in submitting the survey by the closing date 7 December 2023.

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Government of South Australia
Auditor-General's Department

Our ref: A23/503

22 November 2023

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Dear Mr Harry

Information request: Tree canopy management by local government

1 The purpose of our letter

The purpose of our letter is to:

- provide you with details of our review about tree canopy management by selected metropolitan councils
- request your Council's response to the attached survey about its tree canopy management plans and activities
- request you provide details of key officers we can contact should we need further information about your Council's survey responses.

2 Background information

Our review mandate

Section 32(1)(c) of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* (PFAA) enables the Auditor-General to review the efficiency, economy and effectiveness of the activities of publicly funded bodies. Section 4 of the PFAA includes a council constituted under the *Local Government Act 1999* in its definition of a publicly funded body.

Our review topic

The SA government has recognised the importance of urban greening and has included non-mandatory tree canopy targets for metropolitan council areas in the current 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide.

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We are reviewing how effectively **selected** metropolitan councils are managing their trees to increase or maintain tree canopy cover within the SA local government sector. Once our review is complete, under section 32(4) of the PFAA, the Auditor-General may prepare a report to Parliament on the results of the review.

We will **not** be reviewing all metropolitan councils.

The councils we have selected for focused review have been separately notified and review work is well progressed.

Our survey information request

We are surveying all metropolitan councils in the Greater Adelaide region to provide us information about the tree canopy activity of metropolitan councils. We plan to use the results of our survey to:

- communicate background information on the review topic in our report to Parliament
- establish an interactive dashboard on our website which will allow users to see information about each Council and its areas' tree canopy including:
 - its current percentage of tree canopy and when this was measured
 - changes to the percentage of its tree canopy over time
 - its tree canopy targets
 - the percentage of plantable space on the land it owns
 - the percentage of plantable space on the land it does not own
 - whether it has a tree canopy strategy or plan.

We will **not** be auditing the results of the survey or forming a conclusion about these.

As each council's environment and profile is unique, this data is not intended to be used to compare one council against another or to rank them in order of success. This will be stated in our report and on our website.

3 What we would like you to do

Please complete the attached survey and provide us with a Microsoft Excel version of your Council's response and the details of your key contact officers (including phone and email details) to our email TeamLG@audit.sa.gov.au by **7 December 2023**.

4 Confidentiality and communication protocol

As mentioned above, the Auditor-General may prepare a report to Parliament and provide a copy of the report to the councils subject to the focused review.

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To respect the reporting provisions of the PFAA, confidentiality must be maintained throughout the review until our reporting responsibility to Parliament is complete.

As required by section 32(1c) of the PFAA, the contents of this letter and the attachment must be treated as confidential and not made publicly available or published (such as in the Council's meeting minutes).

The report to Parliament will be made available on our website at www.audit.sa.gov.au.

5 Our contact officers

If you have any questions or concerns about this request, please contact my Local Government Performance Audit Managers, Ms Iolanda Telford or Ms Kris Slaytor, on (08) 8226 9640.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely



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Assistant Auditor-General (Performance Audit)

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Please provide the following information	
Council name	
Date	

SA Metropolitan Council tree canopy survey		
Question ID	Question	Answer
1a	Does the Council have an endorsed Urban Forest or Tree Management Strategy/Plan, or an equivalent?	
1b	If no, is the Council currently developing an Urban Forest or Tree Management Strategy Plan?	
2a	Does the Council have an endorsed target or set of targets for tree canopy cover for its council area?	
2b	If yes, please advise what are the Council's target or sets of targets for tree canopy cover.	
2c	Is the target canopy increase calculated on a baseline?	
2d	In which year do you intend to achieve your target?	
2e	Is it your intention to measure the success of your achievements at intervals between the setting and final target date?	
2f	If yes, at what intervals are you intending to measure your success?	
2g	How are you intending to measure your success?	<div></div> <div>If you selected other, please provide details.<div></div></div>

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3	Does the Council have an endorsed Tree Management Policy or equivalent?	<input type="text"/>
4	Does the Council have a dedicated annual street/park tree planting program aimed at achieving the council's tree canopy target/s?	<input type="text"/>
5a	Does the Council have a planned tree inspection and maintenance program?	<input type="text"/>
5b	If yes, how frequently are all the Council trees inspected on average?	<input type="text"/>
6a	What is the total tree canopy cover baseline for the Council, as a percentage of the total area within the council's boundary? (If you are not sure, please write unsure)	<input type="text"/>
6b	What year was the baseline derived?	<input type="text"/>
7	What method does the Council use to measure its tree canopy?	<input type="text"/> <small>If you selected other, what method does the Council use?</small> <input type="text"/>
8a	What is the most recent total tree canopy cover for the Council, as a percentage of the total area within the council's boundary?	<small>Please enter a number between 0 and 100.</small> <input type="text"/> %
8b	When was this measured?	<input type="text"/>
9	What are the main reasons for the change in the Council's tree canopy cover since 2018-19?	<small>Please select top three.</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="text"/><input type="text"/><input type="text"/> <small>If you selected other, please provide details.</small> <input type="text"/>

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10	On average, how many trees does the Council need to plant each year to achieve it's tree canopy cover target/s? (If you are not sure, please write unsure)	
11	Does the Council have a complete and up to date inventory for each tree on council owned and/or managed land that includes an assessment of tree health, risk and condition?	
12a.	Do you have an asset management system for the trees under the Council's care and control?	
12b.	If yes, what asset management system do you use?	
13a.	What does the Council estimate its available space is for additional tree planting on council owned land? (This could be expressed as a % or m² of council owned land or as a number of available tree planting spaces)	
13b.	Does the Council estimate the available space for tree planting on council owned land is sufficient to enable it to reach its tree canopy target?	
14	What is the percentage of land in your council area that is controlled by: <div><div>i. Council</div><div>ii. State</div><div>iii. Federal</div><div>iv. Private</div><div>v. Other</div></div>	<div>Please enter values that add up to 100%</div> <div><div>%</div><div>%</div><div>%</div><div>%</div><div>%</div></div>
15	What are the biggest challenges impacting the Council's ability to achieve its tree canopy targets?	<div>Please provide a written response.</div> <div></div>
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What initiatives does the Council have to encourage tree retention and tree planting on private property?

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What are the main barriers to increased community support for tree protection and planting?

Please select top three.

If you selected other, please provide details.