

Field River Linear Park

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Confidential



Confidential Motion

That pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(d)(i) and (ii) and (j)(i) and (ii) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that all persons present, with the exception of the following persons: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager City Services, General Manager Corporate Services, General Manager City Development, Manager Corporate Governance, Unit Manager Governance and Council Support, Unit Manager Communications and Governance Administration Officer be excluded from the meeting as the Council receives and considers information relating to the Field River Linear Park, upon the basis that the Council 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 given the information relates to commercial in confidence information provided by a Minister.

REPORT OBJECTIVE

To consider Council's involvement in a Taskforce for the development of a Field River Valley Linear Park in close cooperation with State Government and the City of Onkaparinga.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Minister for Environment and Water, the Hon David Speirs has formed a Taskforce of senior Executives from both State and Local Government to consider the development of a Liner Park in the Field River Valley that sits on Council's southern border with the City of Onkaparinga.

The Minister's vision is to restore the Field River Valley so that it is an accessible green urban wilderness, a strategic biodiversity corridor and is home to a healthy urban waterway.

The City of Marion has been represented on the first meeting of the Taskforce on 16th February 2021 by the Chief Executive.

Council is now asked to consider the significant project and the opportunities it would afford to City of Marion residents.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Notes the cross-government project for the development of a Field River Valley Linear Park and endorses in principle the involvement of the organisation with the Project Taskforce that aims to deliver on the restoration of the Valley from Glenthorne National Park to the mouth of the Field River.**



2. In accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999, orders that this report, the attachments, and any minutes arising from this report having been considered in confidence under Section 90 (2) and (3) (d)(i) and (ii) and (j)(i) and (ii) 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 2021.

GENERAL ANALYSIS

On Tuesday 16th February 2021 the Minister for Environment and Water, the Hon David Speirs chaired a meeting of senior Executive from State and Local Government to 'kick-off' a major project that will transform the Field River Valley into a Linear park. The Taskforce comprised:

- Minister for Environment and Water (Chair)
- CEO, Department of Environment and Water
- Chair, Green Adelaide Board
- Chair, Glenthorne Partnership
- Chief Executives of the Cities of Oankaparinga and Marion
- Chief Government Architect
- Senior Executives from Department for Infrastructure and Transport, Department of Energy and Mining.

The meeting agreed on the Terms of Reference for the Taskforce, which are attached as Appendix A

The Vision for the project is: *The Field River Linear Park is restored, in collaboration with partners to become an accessible green urban wilderness, a healthy urban waterway and a strategic biodiversity corridor.*

In realising the vision, the project will serve to complement the Glenthorne National Park and link Glenthorne to the sea; provide world-class recreation trails and engage not only the local community but also people from across the State.

Early works on the project have commenced, as follows:

- Appointment (by DEW) of a Green Adelaide Project Coordinator, Field River.
- Coordination with the implementation of components of the draft City of Marion Native Vegetation Management Plan, Lower River.
- Survey of extent, quality and status of ecological assets.
- Implementation of biochar opportunities related to olive tree biomass removal.
- Continuation of support for and involvement with Friends Groups;
- Investigation of early recreational trail opportunities and consideration of a future Native Festival event.

Involvement in this project will provide an opportunity for Council to progress its tree planting program for delivering on its carbon neutral goals. In addition, the Linear Park will deliver an extraordinary asset to our community that, alongside Council investment in the Nature Playground at Glenthorne National Park and the sporting developments along Major's Road will further enhance our reputation as an attractive destination for sport and recreation activities.

A map showing the Field River Valley is attached as Appendix B.

At this stage no financial commitment is requested but Council, should it choose to support the project, Council might consider the timing of works in playgrounds that adjoin the proposed Linear Park.

Any decision requiring Council Resolution will be brought back to a Council meeting for consideration.

Attachment

#	Attachment	Type
1	Appendix A Field River Taskforce_Draft TOR	PDF File
2	Appendix B Field River Valley Map	PDF File

Taskforce – Field River Valley Linear Park Project

Terms of Reference

Purpose

The Taskforce reports to, and provides advice to the Minister for Environment and Water in relation to the proposed Field River Valley Linear Park. The area is identified in the Government's Glenithorne National Park Masterplan as a strategic area of “supporting open space” that links Glenithorne National Park to the coast.

Membership, governance and meetings

The Taskforce will be chaired by the Minister for Environment and Water. The Deputy Chair will be the Chief Executive, Department for Environment and Water (DEW).

The membership will consist of the Chief Executive, or other senior executive as agreed with the Taskforce Chair, of the following agencies and organisations:

- Minister for Environment and Water – David Speirs, Minister (Chair)
- Department for Environment and Water – John Schutz (Deputy Chair)
- Department for Infrastructure and Transport
- Department for Energy and Mining
- Attorney-General's Department (Planning and Land Use Services)
- City of Marion
- City of Onkaparinga
- The Glenithorne Partnership

The Taskforce will consult other organisations and groups as required, including, but not limited to the Department for Health and Wellbeing, Department of Premier and Cabinet, community groups, non-government organisations and traditional owners. Executive support for the Taskforce will be provided by DEW, Green Adelaide Branch.

Working groups

The Taskforce may establish working groups to investigate and advise it on issues as required.

Taskforce members may nominate an appropriate member of their agency or another agency to participate in a working group. Working groups may consult any other individuals or organisations as required.

Meetings

The Taskforce will meet regularly to ensure that matters associated with the Field River Valley Linear Park are strategically identified and progressed.

Reporting

The chair will provide progress updates to Cabinet as the work of the Taskforce progresses.

Scope and deliverables

- Review work already undertaken to establish the Field River as a “supporting open space” to the Glenithorne NP precinct.

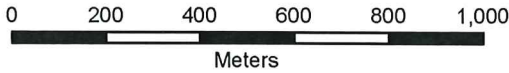
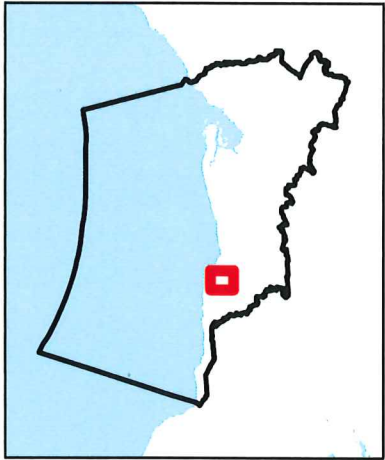
- Provide advice on land and mining tenure strategies.
- Oversee development of a strategy and timeline for creating the Field River Valley Linear Park, and monitor the strategy's implementation.
- Provide advice on roles and responsibilities for implementing the commitment, including for ongoing management and resourcing.
- Identify recreational activities to occur, including walking, cycling, and provide advice on infrastructure requirements to support those activities.
- Provide advice on budget expenditure, in addition to providing advice to the Minister on any additional funding or resources to support the project.
- Ensure that the project takes account of existing environmental and cultural values to prevent any possible adverse impacts on these values (including native vegetation, fauna management and Aboriginal heritage matters).
- Develop a Field River Valley masterplan, Native vegetation Management and Restoration Plan and community engagement plan.
- Identify opportunities to partner with the private sector and stakeholder organisations to enhance recreational opportunities.

Field River Valley



Legend

- Major roads
- Field River Valley and surrounding Glenelg precinct
- Land parcels
- COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS
- CORP OF THE CITY OF MARION
- LONGFIELD PTY LTD
- MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT,
- COMPANY OWNED
- PRIVATELY OWNED
- Water courses
- Water bodies
- NPWSSA reserves



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