

**MINUTES OF
CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

**11.27am BMX Project – Update Report
Reference No: FAC121217F02**

Moved Ms Presser, Seconded Councillor Telfer that:

1. Pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(b)(i)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Finance and Audit Committee orders that all persons present, with the exception of the following persons: Adrian Skull, Chief Executive Officer; Vincent Mifsud, General Manager Corporate Services; Abby Dickson, General Manager City Development; Tony Lines, General Manager City Services; Kate McKenzie, Manager Corporate Governance; Donna Griffiths, Acting Manager City Activation; Ray Barnwell, Manager Finance and Contracts; Malcolm Eagles, Strategic Projects Officer; Councillor Janet Byram, City of Marion; Phil Freeman, Office of Recreation and Sport; Brian Delaney, Office of Recreation and Sport; Geoff Norris, City of Onkaparinga be excluded from the meeting as the Council receives and considers information relating to Section 48 Prudential Report – BMX Confidential, upon the basis that the Finance and Audit Committee 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 could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council and would on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

Carried Unanimously

11.27am the meeting went into confidence

The General Manager City Development provided an overview of the report highlighting the following:

- The Committee had considered the draft section 48 report at the October meeting noting the funding deficit.
- Further work has occurred regarding cost analysis and reducing the costs but the project is still over budget at the Majors Road site.
- Management has been liaising with the Minister and City of Onkaparinga regarding the potential for other sites.
- A site in Noarlunga is likely to be the most cost effective but is still over budget.

Councillor Byram sought leave of the meeting and it was granted to speak on the item. Councillor Byram noted that the Hallett Cove BMX club was having a Board meeting this evening and they will be discussing the potential location of Noarlunga, however the general discussion amongst the club is that the location is too far south.

It was also noted that the City of Onkaparinga was meeting tonight and would be receiving an update report regarding costings. Further details would be provided to the two Councils in January after consultation with both BMX clubs.

Councillor Byram indicated that both Councils really need to consider the following when making decisions:

- The noise created by BMX tracks and the impact on the community.

- The no alcohol policy for BMX meaning this may create difficulty at some sites if shared with other sports such as football.

The Committee noted there is still a number of unknowns regarding the site and funding and emphasised the criticality of good stakeholder engagement.

The Officer from Recreation and Sport noted that the southern site mentioned is located near South Adelaide Football club and it would be highly likely that the additional funding of \$1m from Recreation and Sport would be available.

Councillor Telfer noted that the costs had blown out and the report is clear regarding soil testing, however there is not a strong conclusion. Councillor Telfer suggested that further interrogation of the report should occur so we can be very clear about outcomes and risks and better understand it.

It was noted that the moisture, lime and other reactive clays are clearly identified and the advice from the experts has been it is not worth pursuing at the Majors Road site.

The Committee advised that staff should keep challenging the assumptions within the report however be careful of not cutting down too much on the amenities as it will result in it not being fit for purpose.

Councillor Byram mentioned that BMX are good at building their own facilities. The Committee advised it is best that Council manage this process if the ongoing liability for the site will rest with Council. She also noted that further work is required to assess the economic impact and feels this could be expanded in the section 48 report.

The Committee noted that the draft section 48 report did note that one major international event could generate \$1.8m in economic benefit.

It was noted that the major issue is the funding shortfall and further work is still progressing in regards to investigating potential funding opportunities.

Moved Councillor Telfer, Seconded Ms Presser that:

1. In accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Committee orders that this report, Section 48 Prudential Report – BMX Confidential and the minutes arising from this report having been considered in confidence under Section 90(2) and (3)(i)(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 2018.

Carried Unanimously

11.54am the meeting came out of confidence