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## GigCity Adelaide coming to Gawler

The Minister for Science and Information Economy, the Hon Kyam Maher MLC, has advised Council that it has been successful in its application for the Business Innovation Hub (within the Gawler Civic Centre) to join the South Australian Government's $7.6m GigCity Adelaide network.

"Council is excited by the prospect of having GigCity connection to its Business Innovation Hub," said Mayor Redman. "The GigCity Adelaide Network is an incredible opportunity to be a part of the renaissance of Adelaide and SA and most importantly, part of Adelaide's overall Smart City brand. Having this facility and associated support in the heart of our town puts us at the forefront of modern business in our region."

The Business Innovation Hub is one of 15 additional innovation precincts added to the GigCity fibre network via a competitive Expression of Interest process that received more than 50 applications. The new precincts are located across Adelaide's metropolitan area, including seven in the north, six in the CBD and one each in the west and south of Adelaide. Tenants including cultural institutions, large companies, small and medium-sized enterprises and start-ups within these precincts will be connected to high-speed internet that is up to 100-times faster than the national average.

"High-speed internet connection is essential for the delivery of the Hub's vision and acts as a significant attractor for Hub users," said Mayor Redman. "Access to the GigCity Adelaide network will transform the Town of Gawler as an early adopter of technologies driving innovation and growth."

The South Australian Broadband Research and Education Network (SABRENet) will connect the Business Innovation Hub to its fibre optic network prior to the opening of the Gawler Civic Centre. This ensures that users of the Hub will have access to ten-gigabit ports delivering high-speed internet connectivity from the moment they walk in the door.

The GigCity expansion is the third smart cities and communities initiative that Council will be delivering this year. The first initiative is the previously announced installation of new closed circuit television (CCTV) for Murray Street, (thanks to a State Government grant) and surrounding streets which will be completed by 30 June 2018. In addition, Council has endorsed the rollout of free Wifi in the town centre.

"The timing of delivering free Wi-Fi and CCTV cameras in Murray Street forms a natural extension to the technological advances that will be provided to the town centre as a consequence of the Gawler Civic Centre redevelopment," said Mayor Redman. "The installation of free Wi-Fi in Murray Street, will benefit residents, local businesses and visitors to the Town of Gawler by providing fast, reliable and constant internet access to those in the coverage area."

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