

2025/26 Business Plan & Budget - Public Hearing

Tuesday, 27 May 2025
Council

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report explains the statutory requirement and process for Council to receive public hearings on the City of Adelaide Draft 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget at a meeting of Council and to hear representations and deputations from persons and organisations who seek to provide comment in this forum.

At its meeting on 29 April 2025, Council endorsed the Draft 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget for public consultation. The consultation period commenced on 6 May 2025 and concludes at 11:59pm on 27 May 2025.

In accordance with sections 123(3) and (4) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), Council must provide an opportunity for a hearing in relation to the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget prior to a final document being prepared for Council adoption.

At the time of publication three formal requests to speak have been made.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Acknowledges those appearing before Council to make a submission, representation or deputation, and appreciated their interest in the City of Adelaide Draft 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget.
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation Focus on budget repair and ensure responsible financial management through the principle of intergenerational equity while delivery quality services.
Policy	Not as a result of this report
Consultation	Engagement on the Draft 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget opened on 6 May 2025 and closes at 11:59pm on 27 May 2025.
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Consultation has occurred in line with the requirements of Section 123 of the <i>Local Government Act 1999 (SA)</i>
Opportunities	To directly hear community feedback for consideration when the City Finance and Governance Committee receives the Final 2025/26 Business Plan Budget on the 17 June 2025.
24/25 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 25/26 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report
24/25 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

1. At its meeting on 29 April 2025, Council endorsed the Draft 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget for public consultation.
2. The planned public consultation activities exceeded statutory requirements and offered a range of engagement methods for our community to consider and provide feedback on the Draft 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget and proposed changes to the Rating Policy.
3. In accordance with section 123(3) and (4) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, Council must provide an opportunity to hold a hearing in relation to the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget prior to a final document being prepared for adoption.
4. Council has met this legislative requirement by including in the agenda for the meeting of Council on 27 May 2025 an opportunity for members of the public to speak to Council.
5. Public hearings related to the Draft 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget will be structured as follows:
 - 5.1. The Presiding Member will ask members of the gallery to advise if they wish to appear before Council to be heard in relation to the Draft 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget.
 - 5.2. Persons speaking to Council will be given five minutes to present their feedback to the Council. A reminder signal will be given prior to the expiry of the five minutes.
 - 5.3. Council Members will be given the opportunity to ask questions through the Presiding Member of those members of the public appearing.
 - 5.4. The public hearing is open for one hour once the Presiding Members asks community members to come forward to provide their feedback.
 - 5.5. Once the person has made their submission, they resume their seat in the gallery.
6. If during the course of the hearing, there are no further speakers, the Presiding Member will move to the next agenda item. The Presiding Member will continue to ask the gallery if there are further speakers until the one hour time limit has been reached.
7. At the time of publication, three requests to present to Council have been received.
8. The complete consultation outcomes for the Draft 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget and proposed changes to the Rating Policy, will be presented to Council on Tuesday 10 June 2025, prior to the presentation of the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget and Rating Policy at the City Finance and Governance Committee on Tuesday 17 June 2025, with a recommendation for adoption to Council on Tuesday 24 June 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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