

Recommendations of the City Finance and Governance Committee – 16 April 2024

Tuesday, 23 April 2024
Council

Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City Finance and Governance Committee considered the following Items at its meeting held on 16 April 2024 and resolved to present to Council the following recommendations for Council determination:

- Item 7.1 – Draft 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget for Community Consultation purposes
- Item 7.2 – Update on progress of Integrated Community Engagement Framework
- Item 7.3 - Draft Park Lands Lease and Licence Policy

RECOMMENDATION

1. **Recommendation 1** – Item 7.1 - Draft 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget for Community Consultation purposes

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approves the Draft 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget document set out in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held 16 April 2024 for the purpose of public consultation commencing at 9.00am on Friday 26 April 2024 and concluding at midnight Sunday 19 May 2024.
2. Approves the continuation of the Special Discretionary Rebate of 10% to cap annual rate increases, as incorporated in Council's Rating Policy.
3. Approves the change of land use from residential to commercial-other for short stay accommodation, to be incorporated in Council's Rating Policy.
4. Approves the reinstatement of the Pensioner Rate Rebate of \$100 per household for eligible concession card holders, accessed by application only, to be incorporated into Council's Rate Rebate Policy.
5. Notes the Asset Renewal Repair Fund of \$4.582m resourced through a temporary increase in rates revenue for 2024/25 to ensure that adequate cash flow is generated from operations to fund the renewal program.
6. Notes an allocation of 1.5% of rates revenue to upgrade Park Lands Buildings. This amount of \$2.027m for 2024/25 is to be funded through a minor increase in rates revenue of \$0.164m and operating savings of \$1.863m to be identified during the consultation period. Council requests the Administration to fund the design of the initiatives identified for Park 27B and Park 21W pending the presentation to Council of a strategy by which Council is able to;
 - 6.1. prioritise the funding for the upgrade of buildings to deliver fit for purpose toilet, shower and change facilities, with an emphasis on supporting inclusive community based lease holders offering sport and recreation.
 - 6.2. devise an equitable means of providing support for the same facilities for community based lease holders contributing their own funding to upgrade Park Lands buildings.

7. Requests the Administration, by the June 18th 2024 meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee, recommends to Council adjustments to the 24/25 Business Plan and Budget to lower the proposed increase in rates to 5.9% or less through a re-assessment of External Grant, Sponsorship and Strategic Partnerships programs.
 8. Requests the Administration to identify the budget expenditure allocations aligned to implement the 2024-2028 strategic plan to ensure the key outcomes are delivered/met and the consultation document to reflect the priorities of the strategic plan.
 9. Noting the published research of the Local Government Association, asks the Administration to investigate in readiness for the 25/26 Business Plan and Budget, paths by which the City of Adelaide could levy rates on, or leverage the rate free status of, Federal and State Government departments, instrumentalities and institutions, excluding religious institutions, to compensate City of Adelaide ratepayers for bearing the cost of the provision of services such entities.
 10. Notes the 2024/25 Budget delivers an Operating Surplus of \$9.367m and projects borrowings of \$72.190m at the end of 2024/25.
 11. Notes the 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget for Council's Subsidiary Adelaide Central Market Authority provided as Attachment B to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held 16 April 2024, which will be available as a reference document for the public consultation period commencing at 9.00am on Friday 26 April 2024 and concluding at midnight Sunday 19 May 2024.
 12. Notes the 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget for Council's Subsidiary Adelaide Economic Development Agency provided as Attachment C to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held 16 April 2024, which will be available as a reference document for the public consultation period commencing 9.00am on Friday 26 April 2024 and concluding at midnight Sunday 19 May 2024.
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 14. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary changes to the draft 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget document arising from this meeting, together with any editorial amendments and finalisation of the document's formatting and graphic design.
2. **Recommendation 2** – Item 7.2 - Update on progress of Integrated Community Engagement Framework
- THAT COUNCIL:
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- THAT COUNCIL:
1. Notes that a Draft Park Lands Lease and Licence Policy will be presented to the City Community Services and Culture Committee on 4 June 2024 seeking approval for public consultation.

DISCUSSION

1. The City Finance and Governance Committee met at a meeting of the Committee on Tuesday 16 April 2024. The Agenda with public reports for the meeting can be viewed [here](#).
2. Where the resolution of the Committee differs from the recommendation published in the Committee agenda, the Committee's recommendation to the Council is listed first, with the original recommendation provided in grey and italics.
3. The following matters were the subject of deliberation:

- 3.1. Item 7.1 – Draft 2024/25 Business Plan & Budget for Community Consultation purposes

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Original Recommendation as Printed in the CFG Committee Agenda

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For ease, Attachments A, B, C & D relating to Recommendation 1, Item 7.1, have been included at the end of this recommendation report.

3.2. Item 7.2 – Update on progress of Integrated Community Engagement Framework

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THAT COUNCIL:

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3.3. Item 7.3 – Draft Park Lands Lease and Licence Policy

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DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – City Finance and Governance Committee Agenda

ATTACHMENTS

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