

Draft 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget Public Hearing

Tuesday, 14 May 2024
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 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget at a meeting of Council and to hear representations/ deputations from persons and organisations who seek to provide comment in this forum.

At its meeting on 23 April 2024, Council endorsed the Draft 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget for public consultation. The consultation period commenced on 26 April 2024 and will conclude on 19 May 2024.

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, no formal requests to speak have been made.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Acknowledges those appearing before Council to make a submission or representation / deputation, and appreciates their interest in the City of Adelaide Draft 2024/25 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 delivering quality services.
Policy	Not as a result of this report
Consultation	Engagement on the Draft 2023/24 Business Plan and Budget opened on 26 April and closes on 19 May 2024.
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Consultation has occurred in line with the requirement of Section 123 of the <i>Local Government Act 1999 (SA)</i>
Opportunities	To directly hear community feedback on the Draft 2023/24 Business Plan and Budget and consider amendments to the final draft for adoption on 25 June 2024.
23/24 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 24/25 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
23/24 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 23 April 2024, Council approved the Draft 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget for public consultation.
2. The public consultation activities planned exceeded statutory requirements and offer a range of engagement methods for our community to consider the Draft 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget and provide meaningful feedback.
3. In accordance with sections 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 14 May 2024 an opportunity for members of the public to speak to Council.
5. Public Hearings related to the Draft 2024/25 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 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget.
 - 5.2. Persons speaking to Council will be given 5 minutes to present their feedback to the Council. A reminder signal will be given prior to the expiry of 5 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 Member 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 hour, 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 writing this report, no requests to present to Council have been received.
8. The complete consultation outcomes for the Draft 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget will be presented to Council on Tuesday 11 June 2024, prior to presentation of the 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget at the City Finance and Governance Committee on Tuesday 18 June 2024. The final Business Plan and Budget will be presented to Council for adoption at its meeting on Tuesday 25 June 2024.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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