

# **Draft 2025/26 – 2034/35 Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)**

## **Consultation Report**



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## Summary Report

Consultation on the Draft 2025/26 – 2034/35 Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) opened on the 14 October 2025 and closed on 4 November 2025.

The Draft 2025/26 – 2034/35 Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) is our guiding document which helps us balance our finances and plan for our city's future.

A summary report and a full report of consultation feedback is available in this document.

### How we engaged

- **11,000+** were notified of the via the Our Adelaide newsletter
- **9,500+** direct emails sent to City of Adelaide ratepayers
- **3** in person drop-in sessions were held
- Social media promotion across LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram

### Drop-in Sessions

Where	Date	Time
<b>Hutt Street Library</b> 235 Hutt St, Adelaide SA 5000	<b>Tuesday 21 October</b>	<b>10:00am – 12:00pm</b>
<b>North Adelaide Library</b> 176 Tynte St, North Adelaide SA 5000	<b>Thursday 23 October</b>	<b>2:00pm – 4:00pm</b>
<b>City of Adelaide – Customer Centre</b> 25 Pirie St, Adelaide SA 5000	<b>Wednesday 29 October</b>	<b>10:00am – 12:00pm</b>

- Requests to meet with a staff member at any time was also made available.
- Hard copies of the LTFP were distributed to all City of Adelaide community centres, libraries and customer centre.

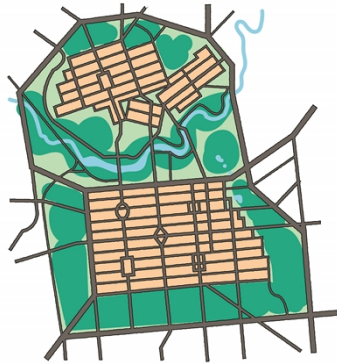
### Feedback and engagement

During the consultation period, the Draft 2025/26 – 2034/35 Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) had the following feedback and engagement:

- **553** people visited the webpage
- **180** downloads were made of the Draft 2025/26 – 2034/35 Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)
- **31** contributions were made to the survey
- **23,870** views on social media
- **3** people provided feedback face-to-face
- **1** submission was made via email

## Community Feedback

### Who we heard from



**55% of respondents were aged between 25-49 years old.**

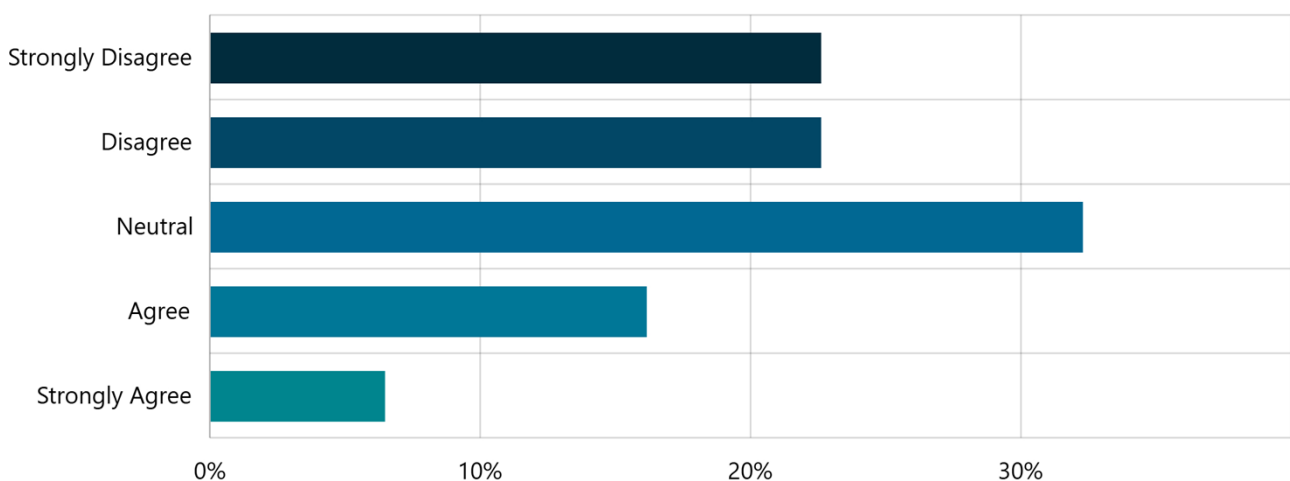


**65% live in Adelaide, 19% live in North Adelaide and 16% live outside of the City of Adelaide.**

**90% of all respondents were City of Adelaide ratepayers.**

### What we heard

**Do you support the overall financial approach proposed by council on the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP)?**



## **Summary of what we heard:**

Consultation on the Draft 2025/26 – 2034/35 Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) focused on key priorities and projects, including Council's approach to maintaining our roads, buildings and infrastructure;

Funding for the renewal of significant assets (Adelaide Bridge, Torrens Weir and Rundle St UPark); And Upgrading our Park Lands community buildings.

Overall, 55% of respondents agreed or were neutral toward Council's proposed financial approach in the LTFP, while 45% disagreed. Most respondents (74%) believed the current condition of Council assets was good to excellent. Spreading increased investment into repairing, restoring or replacing existing assets over eight years was the preferred option (52%), compared with 6% who supported an immediate rate rise to achieve full renewal funding. When considering funding for major upgrades, 32% supported the proposed approach, 45% did not support it, and 23% were neutral.

Across the consultation, respondents expressed strong views about Council's financial management, spending priorities, and approach to borrowing. Concerns were raised about high operating costs and called for improved efficiency, reduced expenditure, and greater transparency.

There was broad opposition to rate increases above CPI, with some noting affordability pressures and the need to balance investment with community capacity to pay. Participants also suggested delaying or reprioritising revitalisation projects to manage debt and maintain financial stability and the need for State funding.

Overall, respondents supported responsible, transparent financial planning that maintains service levels and asset quality while ensuring long-term sustainability and community benefit.

## **How your feedback will be used:**

The City of Adelaide is committed to building a brighter future for both current and future generations. The Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) considers the City of Adelaide's ongoing and future needs for maintenance, renewal and new investment.

To ensure the most efficient and effective use of limited resources, the LTFP helps guide which projects are prioritised and when they are delivered. We will continue to work with our community to ensure your needs are met while maintaining financial responsibility, and we appreciate the valuable feedback received through this consultation.

All feedback has been provided to Council to help inform decision-making and any adjustments to the final **Draft 2025/26 – 2034/35 Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP)**. Any decisions made by Council will be shared with the community following the meeting to ensure transparency and keep you informed of the outcomes.

As the LTFP is reviewed annually to ensure the City of Adelaide remains financially sustainable, we welcome the community to continue helping shape Adelaide's future through future conversations and engagement opportunities.

*All responses received are included on the following pages.*

## **What we heard from our community**

## **In person feedback received**

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Feedback received during the in-person suggestions:

### **Resident**

- Positive feedback on the maintenance of the Park Lands and North Adelaide Golf Course (NAGC)
- Is against the removal of established trees within NAGC, noting it is now a State Government project

### **Resident**

- LTFP document was easy to digest
- Suggestion that within the Risk & Opportunities consideration is given to include the level in which council will intervene

### **Community Member**

- Dissatisfied with councils rating framework
- Has compared to other rates in neighbouring councils and thinks CoA rates for residents should be reduced, given strata fees are very high

## **Formal submissions received**

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Long Term Financial Plan  
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Adelaide SA 5001

Dear Ms Johnston

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP). This is a key strategic management document, reviewed and updated annually. It outlines the financial strategy for the ten-year period from 2025/26 – 2034/35.

I note the definition used for the plan<sup>1</sup>.

*A council's long-term financial performance and the position is sustainable where planned long-term service infrastructure levels and standards are met without unplanned increases in rates or disruptive cuts to services."*<sup>2</sup>

I acknowledge the expertise and time spent in developing and making the document accessible. I found it an easy and informative read. Further, I attended one of the drop-in sessions on Thursday, 23 October at North Adelaide Library and found that any feedback I give may not be implemented in this version.

My comments relate to the risks and opportunities section. There are eight listed, and although the following comments relate to just one risk, it is applicable to all.

Taking issue 1: Council rate growth, we find a description and council action.<sup>3</sup> However, the missing element appears to be the trigger measure that would activate the risk council action. The measure could be called the 'instigation element.' These high-level indicators are likely to differ across these risks.

Identifying the instigation element would be valuable information for residents, elected members, and council officers alike, and would help identify a point at which council action, as outlined in the LTFP, as required for the council's long-term financial health.

I hope that this feedback is useful. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information if required.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]  
[Redacted title]

[Redacted contact information]

Date 23 October 2025.

## **Survey Feedback**

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Closed

Feedback Form  
2025/26 to 2034/35 Long Term Financial Plan30  
Contributors31  
Contributions

## Maintaining our roads, buildings and infrastructure

In 2024, Council reviewed how we look after our community assets — things like roads, footpaths, parks, lighting, and public buildings. This review showed that we needed an extra \$14.9 million each year to keep these facilities and spaces in good condition and at the standard our community expects. To help fund this, Council created the Asset Renewal Repair Fund. This fund helps pay for important maintenance and renewal work. While this is usually paid for through Council's regular income, we'll use short-term borrowings (repaid within 1–3 years) to help manage costs and avoid large rate increases. This will temporarily increase Council's debt for those years (2030/31 – 2032-33).

This has been done to ensure the community's ability to pay while still meeting service expectations. This approach will help us deliver the level of service outlined in the asset management plans and meet community expectations. The 2025/26 to 2034/35 LTFP requires an average rate increase per year of 2.1% above CPI over 3 years. CPI stands for Consumer Price Index. It measures inflation: how much the cost of everyday goods and services (like food, housing, building materials, and transport) changes over time.

## Do you h

	Contributions
An	Seem I'm not for budget cuts. Less budget cuts and all amount going into the appropriate areas. Contribution 24 of 24   5 November 2025
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Di:	too many revitalisation projects going on and should be delayed instead of short term borrowing with interest Contribution 23 of 24   4 November 2025
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Ag	Rates for residential dwellings in the CBD have already been increased substantially and any further increase will lead to selling house and moving away from the city. If it comes to that stage which we are almost there, I am going to sell and move away. Contribution 22 of 24   2 November 2025
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To	dont word it as the communities debt, it's not. it's YOUR debt. the wording chosen is manipulative Contribution 21 of 24   31 October 2025
	Please keep us informed at every stage of the LTFP. Also, please keep in mind to remove redundant charges if new ones are added. Contribution 20 of 24   29 October 2025
	To be more cost conscious and increase productivity of staff members. I seen council members money wasted on unnecessary stuff Contribution 19 of 24   29 October 2025
	The approach should include all organisations claiming to be religions to pay as well. Contribution 18 of 24   27 October 2025
	So long as this money does not go towards Adelaide Golf Course for the purpose of hosting LivGolf - there are other golf courses available that serve this purpose. Again - so long does not increase our rates adversely. My rates are now \$1000 more in 20yrs. Contribution 17 of 24   25 October 2025
	i have regular discussions with cleansing dept.of the condition of our area of rubbish, bins etc. in our area which is pathetic.nothing is acted upon when reported. council responds with 'thankyou for reaching out and nothing happens this survey the same. Contribution 16 of 24   24 October 2025





Relying on short-term debt to fix a long-term funding gap is flawed. The 2.1% above-CPI rate rise is excessive and lacks clear justification. There's no transparency on delivery outcomes or assurance this approach won't repeat past financial mismanagement  
Contribution 15 of 24 | 23 October 2025

too much above CPI, may unable to pay rate  
Contribution 14 of 24 | 23 October 2025

I support creating and using this Fund  
Contribution 13 of 24 | 22 October 2025

Rid rubbish on footpaths after Friday and Saturday night stupid people  
Contribution 12 of 24 | 22 October 2025

I think the funds should be enough for management rather than borrowing, check what expenses can be reduced  
Contribution 11 of 24 | 22 October 2025

This is OK in theory but are there other avenues that could be used to finance? LOOK AT WAGES & MEMBER COSTS of the Council  
Contribution 10 of 24 | 22 October 2025

Terrible. Overpaid council bureaucrats  
Contribution 9 of 24 | 22 October 2025

yes  
Contribution 8 of 24 | 22 October 2025

Not good idea  
Contribution 7 of 24 | 22 October 2025

cut un necessary spending (plenty to cut)  
Contribution 6 of 24 | 22 October 2025

Not a great idea  
Contribution 5 of 24 | 22 October 2025

We're unlikely to see large rate increases in the short term, so question the justification of this  
Contribution 4 of 24 | 19 October 2025

Use of short-term borrowing to fill a \$14.9 m annual asset gap is understandable but short-sighted. Council should prioritise

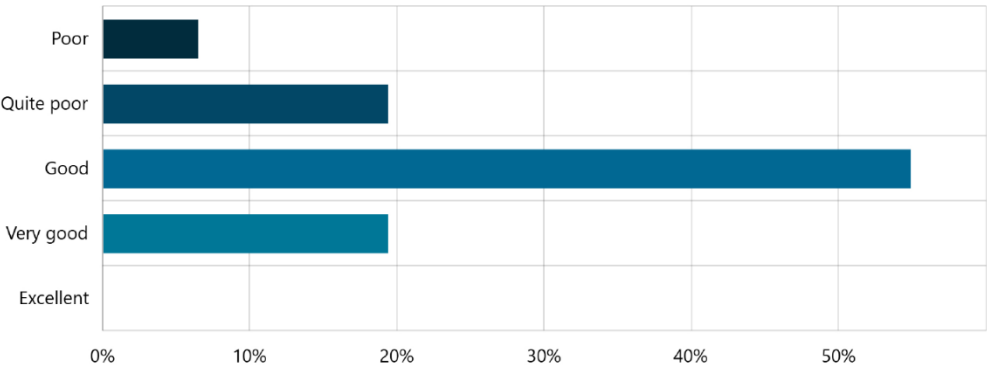
state/federal co-funding and public infrastructure renewal, not debt cycles. Invest more in sustainable, people-focused assets  
Contribution 3 of 24 | 18 October 2025

Cut funding to wasteful exercises and bring wages into line with industry averages (currently seem to be about 30% higher than standard for recently advertised roles).  
Contribution 2 of 24 | 16 October 2025

The plan excludes a Bitcoin strategy.  
Contribution 1 of 24 | 15 October 2025

3. How would you rate the current condition of our assets (roads, buildings, and infrastructure etc)?

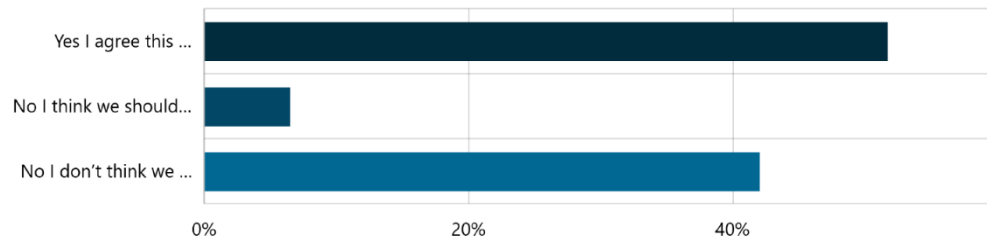
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 31 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Poor	6.45%	2
Quite poor	19.35%	6
Good	54.84%	17
Very good	19.35%	6
Excellent	0%	0
Total	100.00%	31

**4. Do you support continuing to spread the increased investment in our assets over eight years rather than one?**

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 31 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes I agree this investment should be spread over eight years	51.61%	16
No I think we should fund 100% of our Asset Management Plans in 2026/27 noting this would mean a 2.8% increase to rates revenue above CPI.	6.45%	2
No I don't think we should increase investment in our assets, they are in good condition	41.94%	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>31</b>

5. Help us to understand your response by providing a comment

Short Text | Skipped: 14 | Answered: 17 (54.8%)

Contributions

I hope to help with feedback and getting all fund due to the budget.  
Contribution 17 of 17 | 5 November 2025

Explore other ways of raising funds than making residents suffer with rate raises.  
Contribution 16 of 17 | 2 November 2025

Off setting costs will need to be considered by rate payers, so spreading out these reforms over 8 years is a terrific idea.  
Contribution 15 of 17 | 29 October 2025

Unnecessary spending on Hutt Street development more important things to do for the same money  
Contribution 14 of 17 | 29 October 2025

A longer term payment spread is a valid management tool.  
Contribution 13 of 17 | 27 October 2025

Cost of living is already hampering people's lifestyles.  
Contribution 12 of 17 | 25 October 2025

our rates SHOULD already be maintaining our city. My area is pathetic raising rates will only go to funding issues like naming lanes after musicians and profiting  
Contribution 11 of 17 | 24 October 2025

Spreading funding over eight years doesn't make above-CPI increases more acceptable. Council hasn't justified why CPI-linked increases aren't sufficient, nor provided evidence that this investment will deliver measurable improvement in asset performance.  
Contribution 10 of 17 | 23 October 2025

Roadworks should be spread to avoid multiple works at the same time  
Contribution 9 of 17 | 23 October 2025

This is the least painful way to finance these necessary expenditures  
Contribution 8 of 17 | 22 October 2025

I don't think any government agency should be borrowing money with interest to be paid back . Look at the state of Victoria with borrowing money. You live within your means tighten your belt manage what money resources you have.  
Contribution 7 of 17 | 22 October 2025

Reckon that the stage has come to get rid of the Council & allow state govt. to take over the Adelaide City council.  
Contribution 6 of 17 | 22 October 2025

On our street near house, homeless people stay for night every day, they are screaming the whole night being under the substances. Maybe you will do something with this first before you start spending our money or whatever?  
Contribution 5 of 17 | 22 October 2025

More free parking  
Contribution 4 of 17 | 22 October 2025

State government has a responsibility to support CoA to maintain the 'main roads' as they do in all other Council areas. Especially those being destroyed by the 10s of thousands of busses travelling down them each day. State Gov need to take responsibility  
Contribution 3 of 17 | 19 October 2025

Spreading costs makes sense, but the program must target critical maintenance, greener infrastructure, and inclusive design - avoid deferring essential upgrades that risk higher long-term costs.  
Contribution 2 of 17 | 18 October 2025

COA has a number of over priced projects including wasteful marketing spending . Cut these back and it will cover the difference without negatively impacting residents and rate payers who are already overpaying.  
Contribution 1 of 17 | 16 October 2025

## Funding replacement of significant assets (roads, buildings & infrastructure)

We have three significant assets identified in the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) that need funding to replace them:

- **Adelaide Bridge**
- **Torrens Weir**
- **Rundle St UPark**

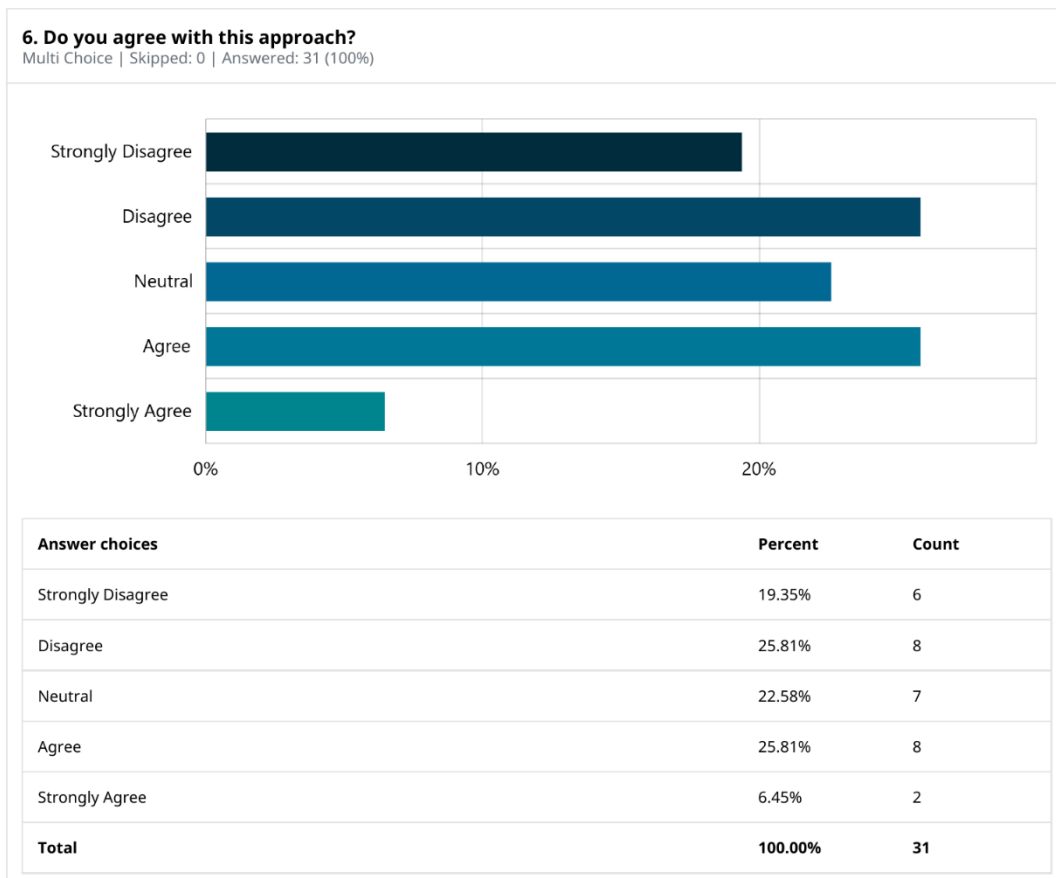
Last year's LTFP forecast the following costs to replace the assets in line with the adopted Asset Management Plans:

- Adelaide Bridge would require \$60m investment to replace in 2027/28 – 2028/29
- Torrens Weir would require \$40m investment in 2028/29 - 2029/30

Through ongoing engineering investigations and options analysis, the 2025/26 to 2034/35 LTFP forecasts have been updated with the following expected cost in today's dollars:

- Adelaide Bridge requires \$17.5m investment across 2029/30 to 2032/33
- Torrens Weir requires \$23.7m investment across 2029/30 to 2032/33

Rundle St UPark remains consistent with a \$15m investment over two years from 2029/30 to extend its useful life.



7. Help us to understand your response by providing a comment

Short Text | Skipped: 15 | Answered: 16 (51.6%)

Contributions

Seems important structures for attention. Would like to see them done without budget cuts.  
Contribution 16 of 16 | 5 November 2025

what's wrong with the Rundle st upark?  
Contribution 15 of 16 | 31 October 2025

Please prioritise the Torrens Weir Structure over the other 2 items.  
Contribution 14 of 16 | 29 October 2025

Significant assets ultimately require significant funding. Again, a stretched timetable helps.  
Contribution 13 of 16 | 27 October 2025

We should be removing car parking from the city and encouraging more public/active transport options.  
Contribution 12 of 16 | 27 October 2025

Do not understand the table bottomline  
Contribution 11 of 16 | 25 October 2025

why have you left these issues to be repaired at the same time poor vision. -higher rates? i live in poor surroundings now. will state gov. contribute?  
Contribution 10 of 16 | 24 October 2025

Downgrading replacement scopes without securing funding undermines asset quality and defers real costs. Without transparency on performance trade-offs, this approach risks underinvestment masked as savings.  
Contribution 9 of 16 | 23 October 2025

What alternative is there?  
Contribution 8 of 16 | 22 October 2025



In this uncertain world / economic climate government should not be borrowing money money from anyone .Already the people are struggling to pay bills, mortgages, medical bills, inflation sky high while wages are stagnant, rents unaffordable and shortages  
Contribution 7 of 16 | 22 October 2025

Adelaide City Council needs a lot of financil help from State Govt. with most of these items  
Contribution 6 of 16 | 22 October 2025

Stop spending more of our ratepayer money on useless programs and initiatives.  
Contribution 5 of 16 | 22 October 2025

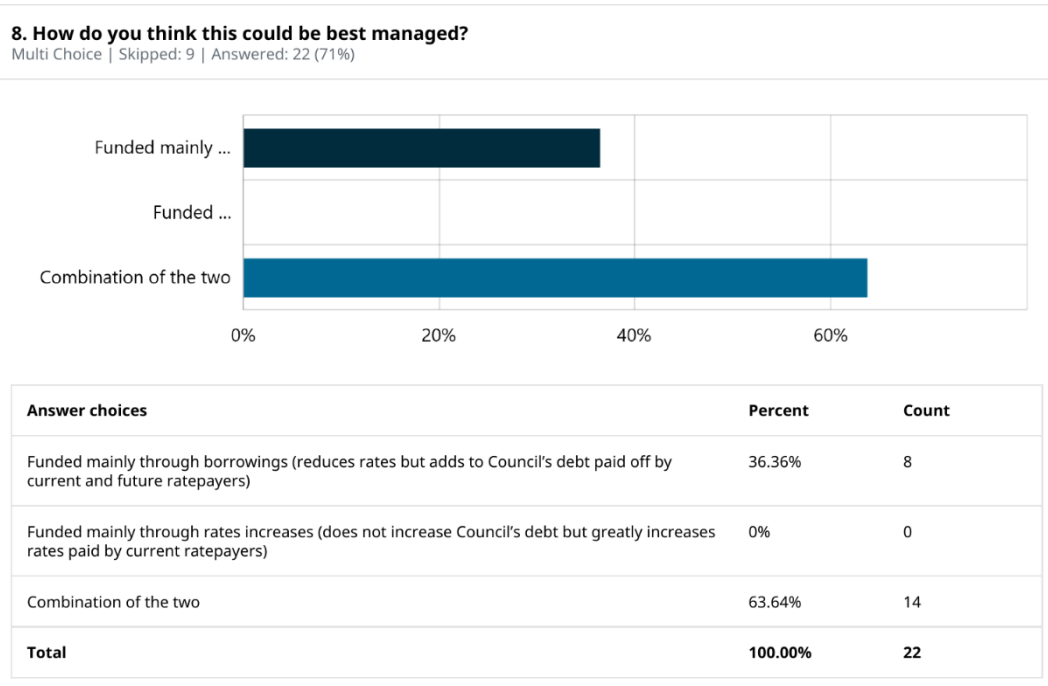
do something with homeless people on the streets before wasting money on bridges and parks  
Contribution 4 of 16 | 22 October 2025

State Government needs to support the upgrade of the bridge and weir; they're state assets, not just local government. The whole state benefits from them and needs them.  
Contribution 3 of 16 | 19 October 2025

Costs appear unrealistically low given heritage, flood, and climate challenges. Council should secure external co-funding before finalising scope and guarantee sustainability, accessibility, and active-transport outcomes.  
Contribution 2 of 16 | 18 October 2025

These funds can be found by a review of current COA spending.  
Contribution 1 of 16 | 16 October 2025

The Adelaide Bridge and Torrens Weir are ‘once in a generation’ projects that will have significant cost impacts on current ratepayers. Council wishes to ensure that this cost is shared fairly across current and future ratepayers.



9. Help us to understand your response by providing a comment

Short Text | Skipped: 15 | Answered: 16 (51.6%)

Contributions

Seems funds might be also in donations and contributions.

Contribution 16 of 16 | 5 November 2025

no-one likes rate increases so having the council's debt raised is better but a small amount should be offset by rates

Contribution 15 of 16 | 31 October 2025

Tell us what we can stop paying for first so we can fully support this new spend.

Contribution 14 of 16 | 29 October 2025

As per previous question, all businesses including claimed and actual religions should pay their share. As Jesus stated ... give Tiberius his money. Some of these so called religions in the city are pure tax evasion.

Contribution 13 of 16 | 27 October 2025

Unfair to expect current rate payers to pay for when others will benefit in the future

Contribution 12 of 16 | 25 October 2025

you dont give us a fair choice. you just want to get what you can from us and DO NOT care.

Contribution 11 of 16 | 24 October 2025

A combination is acceptable only with clear ROI metrics, transparency, and external co-funding. Ratepayers shouldn't fund once-in-a-generation infrastructure alone without State/Federal contribution or performance oversight.

Contribution 10 of 16 | 23 October 2025

A combination seems a good compromise between short- and long-term financing

Contribution 9 of 16 | 22 October 2025

Disagree with all of the above .my response is there in last two questions/ responses

Contribution 8 of 16 | 22 October 2025

No increase, manage it wiout increase on the rates  
Contribution 7 of 16 | 22 October 2025

I think that Adelaide City Council is useless organisation and all ratepayer would benefit if we save money we currently pay for their salaries  
Contribution 6 of 16 | 22 October 2025

no need for  
Contribution 5 of 16 | 22 October 2025

Option 4. Neither of these. State government input.  
Contribution 4 of 16 | 19 October 2025

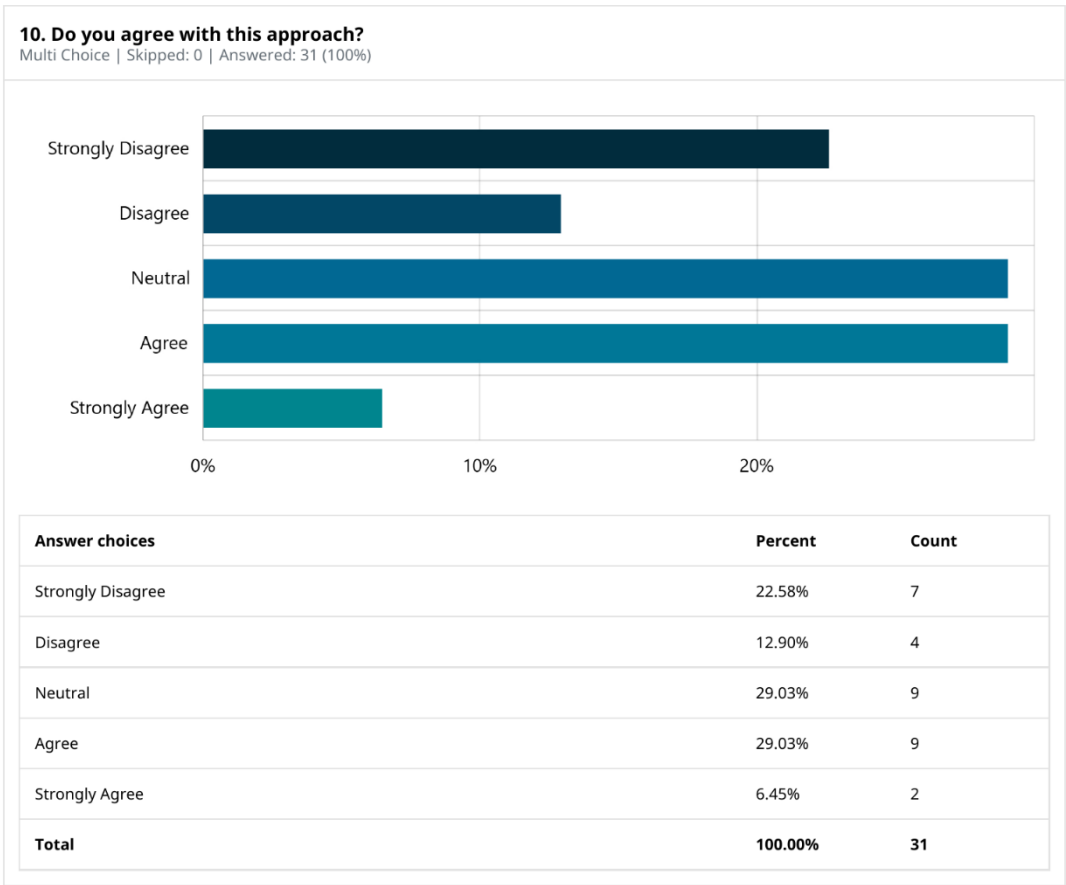
Borrow prudently, but ensure major renewals don't crowd out investment in housing, greening, and mobility. Prioritise intergovernmental funding so local ratepayers aren't left covering state-scale infrastructure.  
Contribution 3 of 16 | 18 October 2025

Neither of these options. We don't need more money, it just should be used more wisely.  
Contribution 2 of 16 | 16 October 2025

Stop borrowing from our futures. Spend within your means.  
Contribution 1 of 16 | 15 October 2025

Upgrading our Park Lands community buildings

In 2024/25 Council committed 1.5% of rates revenue to fund necessary new building and upgrades for our Park Lands community buildings. In 2025/26 the 1.5% also covers renewal work (maintenance). This investment includes money set aside to renew and maintain community facilities as outlined in the Asset Management Plans. Over the life of the plan, this adds up to \$34 million, with \$23.9 million going towards new and major upgraded projects. These larger projects are planned to be funded through borrowings.



11. Help us to understand your response by providing a comment

Short Text | Skipped: 18 | Answered: 13 (41.9%)

Contributions

Parks and building are something I support very highly. Seems I thought the council had a lot more money from donations and contributions though.

Contribution 13 of 13 | 5 November 2025

keep the parklands as parklands. it's clear there is already funding issues cause in part by this frivolous spending

Contribution 12 of 13 | 4 November 2025

De prioritise. There are many community related inititaives that could be used as levers to raise funds.

Contribution 11 of 13 | 29 October 2025

Life of Plan is a long time. Much could happen.

Contribution 10 of 13 | 27 October 2025

at the same time as bridge,weir etc.? are you people for real. do you think we grow money.some of these parkland 'upgrades are not essential

Contribution 9 of 13 | 24 October 2025

Committing 1.5% of rate revenue plus borrowings without transparency on project selection, community demand or ROI is unjustified. Borrowings must be tied to measurable outcomes, not just asset replacement.

Contribution 8 of 13 | 23 October 2025

I've never used or been inside any of them, nor have I seen them being used.

Contribution 7 of 13 | 22 October 2025

As previously answered government should not be borrowing money money money and putting future home owners , residents to foot the bill for past expenditures. Governments should be held accountable for their spending.

Contribution 6 of 13 | 22 October 2025

I dont support any increase on rates

Contribution 5 of 13 | 22 October 2025

Whilst it is a good idea Council needs to have a closer look on the people actually using these facilities. There should be charges in place to recoup costs. There seems to be an attitude that everything should be free if in council land. Doesnt  
Contribution 4 of 13 | 22 October 2025

There are other grants, private funds, and community funds which should be considered. The groups directly benefiting can get involved, sporting bodies can (and often willingly) get involved.  
Contribution 3 of 13 | 19 October 2025

Support this if upgrades focus on equitable access, climate resilience, and diverse community use. Ensure borrowed funds build enduring public assets, not revenue-driven developments that limit free or inclusive use.  
Contribution 2 of 13 | 18 October 2025

Again, there is no need to borrow or for this to come at such an increased cost to residents.  
Contribution 1 of 13 | 16 October 2025

## 12. Do you have any other feedback regarding the Draft 2025/26 – 2034/35 Long Term Financial Plan.

Long Text | Skipped: 15 | Answered: 16 (51.6%)

### Contributions

I am very enthusiastic about helping with improving the council's work and production around the City and North Adelaide. I have been a regular around the City for a long time now, and I am a larger franchise owner of OTR (On The Run). I like the interest of helping or working with improving the infrastructure, buildings, tourism (I especially like the Art Gallery), the shops (I like Myer Centre and David Jones), the traffic and transport, the social & party scene, the police, fire & ambulance (medical), the trees and nature also. I have also been visiting the city here and there back since 1987 and I have seen many changes since back then. I am also trying to become a sage house supporter to help safe places for children in the city and around the metropolitan and the world also.

Contribution 16 of 16 | 5 November 2025

In the name of 'development' and 'housing' and 'bringing back people to the city', granting permission to build apartments indiscriminately in the west end is going to destroy the CBD and lead to concrete jungle type CBD where there is no sky visible from homes and blocks lightwind which will drive away people from CBD and defeats the purpose of 'bringing back people to the city'. Most of the people I know who were my neighbours have left the city due to the kind of 'development' that council is approving and I am very close to that stage.

Contribution 15 of 16 | 2 November 2025

Look, its a good start. "Consultation" means consultation, not just information - this feels like information. Explain to us what is up for negotiation and what isn't. Build trust, be transparent and tell us what you need, when you need it, but with plenty of lead time. I suggest you provide a summary report on the findings of this initial stage of 'consultation'. Keep it going team Adelaide.

Contribution 14 of 16 | 29 October 2025

Working and thinking on a more productive way how to save costs. sample: e vehicle for parking inspectors don't need to drive around in electrical vehicles they can use the electric e bike etc. Instead I also seen council workers standing around and parking while they are being playing on my phone not working in the working time.

Contribution 13 of 16 | 29 October 2025

no

Contribution 12 of 16 | 27 October 2025

also money needed for parkland 'upgrades' are they for certain bodies ie: private schools which can provide some revenue? also a 'vision' for our parkland's can wait. Why are you coming out with all this when the population is financially struggling. On a different universe

Contribution 11 of 16 | 24 October 2025

The LTFP relies too heavily on above-CPI rate increases (e.g. 2.1% + 0.5%) to cover structural underfunding and asset backlogs caused by



historic mismanagement. These increases are pushed through without sufficient transparency, justification, or benchmarking against long-term CPI averages or actual LGPI movements. The \$41.7M removal of assumed external funding for major renewals (Adelaide Bridge, Torrens Weir) is being silently absorbed by ratepayers through debt and delayed works. This is a fundamental shift in burden with no corresponding change in scope or cost rationale. Similarly, downgrading full asset replacements to "rehabilitations" while maintaining major expenditure (e.g. Adelaide Bridge now \$20.2M vs \$65.5M) raises concerns about longevity, service quality, and intergenerational equity. The 1.5% rates allocation toward Park Lands buildings lacks public-facing business cases, prioritisation criteria, or ROI. Borrowing to fund major upgrades without outlining community usage data or economic benefit is not responsible governance. Across the plan, forecast surpluses are optimistic, and assumptions on wage, utility, and contractor inflation appear understated. There is no meaningful sensitivity analysis. Ratepayers deserve more than narrative justification. Before Council commits to long-term financial settings, it should deliver: - Independent modelling or third-party review of assumptions; - Project-level cost-benefit transparency and measurable outcome KPIs; - Funding partnerships for once-in-a-generation infrastructure; - A credible pathway to reduce cost base, not just increase revenue.

Contribution 10 of 16 | 23 October 2025

Councillors should all visit Jetty Road and see how it should NOT be done, current do it all at once is reducing sales, retail and hospitality, destroying businesses. Upgrades should be staged to support the local community not damage it, with the view it will be better in the long term and ignoring the real hurt while it is being done.

Contribution 9 of 16 | 23 October 2025

Disorderly drunken behaviour needs to be abolished

Contribution 8 of 16 | 22 October 2025

Financial plan to me looks like we cannot afford so we are going to borrow money at interest to be paid back . This is not going to end well for future generations

Contribution 7 of 16 | 22 October 2025

Start from removing homeless people from the parks and streets in the CBD

Contribution 6 of 16 | 22 October 2025

Work within rate increases limited to CPI without introducing future debt

Contribution 5 of 16 | 22 October 2025

Seems all the options aren't being considered

Contribution 4 of 16 | 19 October 2025

The Draft 2025/26 – 2034/35 Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) represents important progress toward long-term sustainability, but it remains overly conservative and risks missing key opportunities to deliver a fairer, more resilient, and more future-ready Adelaide. 1. Over-reliance on car-based revenue Approximately one-third of Council's income still comes from parking fees, fines, and related charges. This approach discourages mode shift and embeds car dependence. The LTFP should include a staged plan to replace parking revenue with progressive, stable sources (e.g. differential rates on large commercial landholders, congestion levies, or green infrastructure grants). 2. Lack of intergovernmental co-funding for state-scale assets The LTFP assumes Council will fund 100% of the Adelaide Bridge and Torrens Weir renewals - projects of regional importance. Council should negotiate co-funding with the State and Commonwealth before committing full capital allocations, to protect local financial capacity for community-scale projects. 3. Future Fund use and asset divestment transparency The Future Fund must not become a vehicle for speculative property trading. Its policy intent should explicitly prioritise social, environmental, and community returns alongside financial ones - funding projects like public housing on Council land, community energy, and climate-resilient streetscapes. 4. Climate adaptation and greening Public Realm Greening, flood resilience, and heat-mitigation investments should be significantly scaled up. Council should integrate measurable shade, canopy, and water-sensitive targets into the LTFP's capital works schedule to protect vulnerable residents from extreme heat. 5. Equity and access in rate setting While the 2.1% above-CPI increase is reasonable, rate structures must be equitable. Council should explore differential and hardship-responsive rating to avoid disproportionate impacts on low-income residents and small businesses. 6. Public housing and community infrastructure The inclusion of the Flinders Street Housing project is a positive start. Council should expand this through long-term partnerships with the State Government and community housing providers to utilise underused land for affordable housing, rather than commercial leases. 7. Accountability and participation The LTFP should commit to publishing annual

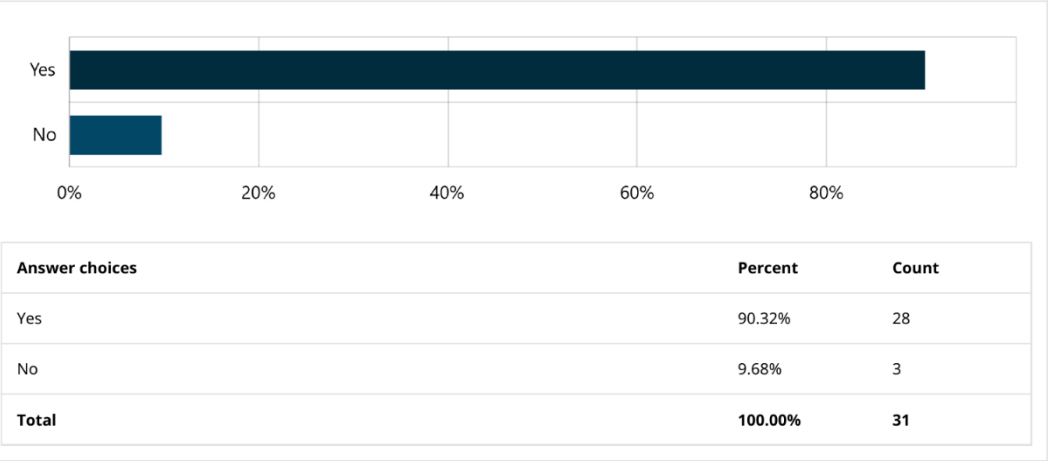
progress metrics for asset renewal, emissions reduction, public-realm greening, and social infrastructure outcomes. Broader community participation in budgeting - via participatory budgeting pilots or citizens' assemblies - would strengthen trust and democratic ownership. In summary: The LTFP should move from fiscal caution to social and environmental leadership. Adelaide's next decade must focus on shared prosperity, decarbonisation, and public value - not short-term cost containment.  
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Residents are already dissatisfied, disappointed and disadvantaged. Where is the support for community? Why can't we even get a reply to emails?  
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Focus on reducing immigration.  
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