

Draft 2026/27 Business Plan & Budget Consultation – Public Meeting

Tuesday, 26 May 2026
Council

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to outline the requirements for a public meeting to hear submissions from the community as part of the City of Adelaide Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget consultation process. The Community Engagement Charter established by the Minister for Local Government under section 50 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) requires councils, amongst other mandates, to hold a public meeting when consulting on an annual business plan. The purpose of the public meeting is to invite community members to provide submissions on the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget.

At its meeting on 28 April 2026, Council endorsed the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget for public consultation. The consultation period commenced on 5 May 2026 and concludes at 11:59pm on 26 May 2026 with the public meeting scheduled to occur at the meeting of Council on 26 May 2026.

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

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Acknowledges the community members appearing before Council to make a submission, representation or deputation on the City of Adelaide Draft 2026/27 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	Consultation on the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget opened on 5 May 2026 and closes at 11:59pm on 26 May 2026.
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</i> (SA) and the State Government Community Engagement Charter.
Opportunities	To directly hear community feedback for consideration when the City Finance and Governance Committee receives the Final 2026/27 Business Plan Budget on the 16 June 2026.
25/26 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 26/27 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
25/26 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 28 April 2026, Council endorsed the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget for public consultation.
2. Consultation opened on 5 May 2026 and concludes at 11:59pm on 26 May 2026. To maximise the opportunities available for the community to provide feedback, the planned consultation activities exceeded statutory requirements, and various options were available to our community to provide feedback. These included providing submissions via email, the 'Our Adelaide' community engagement website, at community drop-in sessions, and by addressing Council at a public meeting.
3. In accordance with section 123(3) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and State Government Community Engagement Charter, Council must hold a public meeting where the community is invited to provide submissions (written or verbal) on an annual Business Plan and Budget, prior to a final document being prepared for adoption. The public meeting may be part of a council meeting or a separate event.
4. Council is providing an opportunity for members of the community to provide or speak to their submissions through inclusion of this item on the agenda for the Council meeting on 26 May 2026.
5. The public meeting on the Draft 2026/27 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 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget.
 - 5.2. Persons speaking to Council will be provided 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 provided the opportunity to ask questions, through the Presiding Member, of the community members appearing before them.
 - 5.4. The public meeting will be open for one hour from the time the Presiding Members invites community members to come forward and provide their feedback.
 - 5.5. Once the community member has made their submission, they resume their seat in the gallery.
6. If during the course of the meeting, 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. A report on the consultation outcomes for the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget will be presented to Council on 9 June 2026, prior to the presentation of the 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget at the City Finance and Governance Committee on 16 June 2026, with a recommendation for adoption of the 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget to Council on 23 June 2026.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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