

Annual Business Plan 2024-2025 Comments Form

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RESPONDENT DETAILS

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Introduction

The *Local Government Act 1999* requires all councils to prepare an Annual Business Plan and Budget.

The Annual Business Plan is a key document in the Council's Strategic Planning Framework and supports the Council's long-term strategic directions set out in the strategic plan, *CityPlan 2030: Shaping Our Future*, as well as the Long-term Financial Plan and the Whole of Life Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans.

The Annual Business Plan and Budget details the annual projects, programs and services which will be undertaken by the Council and details how the Council intends to fund its continuing services, programs and projects.

Key Aspects of the Plan

Financial Goal

The Council's Annual Business Plan is built on the foundation of financial sustainability. In general terms, financial sustainability will ensure that the Council has the financial resources to meet the long-term service and infrastructure needs of the community without significant rate revenue increases or reductions in service provision and /or standard. The Council's financial goal is to be: *A City which delivers on our Strategic Outcomes by managing our financial resources in a sustainable and equitable manner.*

Please provide any comments you have regarding the Council's Financial Goal:

Investment in new and improved assets and service initiatives

The Draft 2024-2025 Annual Business Plan continues its commitment to a number of major infrastructure projects, services and initiatives. These projects include the ongoing Trinity Valley Stormwater Project, the upgrade of various playgrounds, and Joslin Reserve tennis courts as part of the renewal program.

While the Council is focused on 2024–2025, it is worth looking at some of the highlights achieved this current financial year.

These include:

- Stages 2 and 3 of the \$20m Trinity Valley Stormwater Project;
- The start of construction of the redevelopment of the \$60m Payneham Memorial Swimming Centre;
- The construction of \$3.4m Burchell Reserve, St Peters, which will be completed in June 2024;
- Completion of the \$1.5m new club facilities at Cruikshank Reserve, Maylands; and
- The \$3m upgrade and widening of the pedestrian and cycling path along Linear Park.

All projects and service initiatives included in the Plan focus on four strategic outcomes; Social Equity, Cultural Vitality, Economic Prosperity and Environmental Sustainability, as outlined in *CityPlan 2030*. The proposed spend on new, upgrade and renewal assets and service initiatives is \$58.7 million. Details of the projects to be undertaken during 2024–2025 are detailed in Appendix 1 of the draft Annual Business Plan.

Do you support the new projects and service initiatives included in the 2024-2025 Plan?

- a) Yes - to all
- b) Yes - to some
- c) No - none

Please provide any further comments you have regarding the Council's Strategic Projects.

Infrastructure and Asset Renewal Program

For 2024-2025, the Council has allocated \$20.2 million for the renewal of the Council's infrastructure and assets. This includes the renewal and/or replacement of existing Council assets which includes stormwater drainage infrastructure, road reseals, footpaths and kerbs.

Details of the planned program are available in Appendix 1 of the draft Annual Business Plan.

Do you believe that this level of financial commitment is appropriate to maintain the Council's infrastructure?

- a) Yes
- b) Somewhat agree
- c) No

Please provide any further comments you have regarding the Council's Infrastructure and Asset Renewal Program.

Rate Revenue

Rate revenue is the major source of funding for the Council. Income collected through rates is used to pay for the provision of Council's services such as waste collection, maintenance of the Council's reserves, public libraries, city planning, community support and development programs, community events, public lighting and street sweeping.

This year, the Council has proposed a 8.5% rate revenue increase including growth in new assessments, which equates to an average residential rate increase of 7.44% in principle. The impact of the proposed rate revenue increase on the actual rates payable by a rate payer will vary according to individual property valuations, the land use, and whether there has been any new development or capital improvement on the land.

An average residential property, which is valued at \$1,018,000 will, in principle, be required to pay an annual fee of \$2,043. An average commercial property, which is valued at \$1,464,000 million will, in principle, be required to pay an annual fee of \$3,409.

Given the level of investment in new and improved infrastructure, the rate increase is considered appropriate.

Do you support the proposed Rate Revenue increase?

- a) Yes
- b) No

Please provide any comments you have regarding the Council's proposed residential rate revenue increase.

Do you have any other comments on the content of the Council's 2024-2025 Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget?

Submission Guidelines and additional information

1. Why Make a Submission?

Making a written submission will ensure that your comments of support or concern for a certain issue or proposal are considered when the Council is making a decision. The Council would like to encourage active participation in consultation to promote ownership and empowerment within the Community.

2. How to Make a Submission?

Notices of Community Consultation are advertised;

- in the Public Notice of The Advertiser;
- displayed at the Principal Council Office;
- via the Councils Electronic Direct Mail; and
- via the Council's social media platforms
- as a News Item on the Council's website at www.npsp.sa.gov.au.

A copy of the draft 2024-2025 Annual Business Plan is available for viewing at the Council's principal Office at Norwood Town Hall, 175 The Parade, Norwood or at the Council's libraries located at:

- Norwood Library, 110 The Parade, Norwood
- Payneham Library, 2 Turner Street, Felixstow
- St Peters Library, 101 Payneham Road, St Peters

A copy can also be downloaded from the Council's website www.npsp.sa.gov.au

Submissions must be in writing and can be made by

- Completing the on-line form, which is available at www.npsp.sa.gov.au
- Completing the Feedback form which is available at the Council's principal Office, 175 The Parade Norwood
- Write to the Council, attention to;
Annual Business Plan Consultation
City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters
PO Box 204, Kent Town SA 5071; or
- Email: ABPConsultation@npsp.sa.gov.au

The closing date for receipt of submissions 5pm on 31 May 2024. You should ensure your comments are received by the advertised closing date, so that your comments can be considered.

3. Consideration of Submissions

All submissions received will be summarised in a schedule of submissions for consideration by Council at a Council workshop and a formal Council meeting. This consideration may result in the proposal being modified to address the issues; approved without modification; or refused.

Please note that submissions received may be included in Council's Agenda and that these are available to the general public.

Once a decision has been made on the matter, the Council will communicate its decision through at least one of the following mediums:

- Personal letter/email
- Council meeting minutes
- Council website
- Council Newsletter

4. **An Effective Submission**

To be effective a submission should:

- Clearly state your opinion and reasons for or against the proposal or sections thereof,
- State how your concerns could be addressed or outline any suggestions for resolving a problem or issue (if possible),
- List any references or provide evidence, relevant material, or specific examples to help demonstrate your views or suggestions,
- Include the section, recommendation and page number of the proposal to which your comments refer (if relevant),
- To ensure accurate interpretation of your comments into the Schedule of Submissions, please keep your comments concise and number all issues you wish to address.