

Long-term Financial Plan 2021–2031

Comments Form

Respondent Details

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The Local Government Act 1999 requires all councils to prepare a Long-term Financial Plan (“the Plan”) covering a period of at least ten years.

The Plan is a key document in the Council’s Strategic Planning Framework and is the primary financial management tool which links the Council’s Strategic Plan *CityPlan 2030*, Whole-of-Life Asset Management Plans and Annual Business Plan and Budget.

As a result of the financial and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council responded with a \$1.159 million Financial Support Package in the 2020–2021 Budget, with the main element of that package being a 0% rate revenue increase, which for wider community resulted in a zero rate increase.

The long-term financial impact of the zero percent increase over the 10-year life of the LTFP, is a loss of rate revenue in the order of \$7.8 million.

The Plan assumes that from 2021–2031, the Council has implemented changes to its operations and that the provision of existing services, programs and activities have resumed.

The financial projections contained within the Plan provide an indication of the Council’s direction and financial capacity rather than predicting the future financial performance and position of the Council. The Plan should be viewed as a guide to future actions or opportunities which encourages Council to think about the future impact of decisions made today on the Council’s long-term financial sustainability.

Comments must be received by 6 January 2021.

Key Aspects of the Plan

Financial Goal

The draft Plan supports the Council’s strategic planning processes with the draft Plan outlining the Council’s approach to delivering infrastructure and services to the community in a financially sustainable and affordable manner over the next ten years.

The draft Plan is built on the Council’s financial goal of being *‘a City which delivers on our Strategic Outcomes by managing our financial resources in a sustainable and equitable manner’*.

To achieve this, the Council is committed to achieving four financial outcomes:

1. A balanced budget
2. Rate stability
3. Infrastructure and asset management
4. Debt management

Do you support the Council’s Financial Goal and Financial Outcomes?

More details on the Council’s Financial Goal and Outcomes are available on Page 10 of the 2021–2031 draft Long-term Financial Plan.

a) Yes to all b) Yes to some c) No

Please provide any further comments regarding the Council’s Financial Goal.

Infrastructure and Asset Renewal Program

On average, the 2021–2031 Plan has allocated \$12.8 million per year for the renewal of the Council’s infrastructure and assets. This includes the renewal and/or replacement of the Council’s existing assets which include:

- Civil infrastructure (roads, footpaths and kerbing);
- Stormwater drainage infrastructure;
- Parks and reserves
- Playgrounds; and
- Buildings.

Consultation on the draft Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans is being undertaken concurrently with the draft Long-term Financial Plan. The draft Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans are available on the Council’s website at www.npsp.sa.gov.au

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 regarding the Council’s Infrastructure and Asset Renewal Program.

Rate Revenue

Rate Revenue is the major source of funding for the Council. The income collected through rates is used to pay for the provision of Council 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.

The proposed rate revenue increase comprises:

- A Rate Revenue indexation factor (2.6%) to fund the cost increases in normal operations;
- An indexation factor (0.5%) resulting from new assessments; and
- An indexation factor (1.5%) to account for the future renewal and servicing costs of major capital works.

The forecast Rate Revenue increase is in line with the Council's target range of between 3% and 6%.

Do you support the forecast Rate Revenue increase?

a) Yes b) No

Please provide any comments regarding the Council's forecast rates revenue increases.

Strategic Projects

The 2021–2031 Plan has been developed to ensure that the Council has the financial resources to deliver on its strategic objectives outlined in *CityPlan 2030*. *CityPlan 2030* captures the community's vision and aspirations for our City over the next 20 years and establishes broad directions which will shape our City's future, with the overall aim of achieving Community Well-being. The Plan includes expenditure of \$66 million on a number of major projects and initiatives which are planned to be undertaken over the life of the Plan, with a view to contribute to the achievement of *CityPlan 2030*. Details of the projects identified to be undertaken over this life of this Plan are outlined on pages 26–29 of the draft Plan.

Do you support the Council's Strategic Projects included in the 2021–2031 Plan?

a) Yes to all b) Yes to some c) No

Please provide any further comments regarding the Council's strategic projects.

Do you have any other comments on the content of the Council’s 2021–2031 draft Long-term Financial Plan?

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Signature:

Date:

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 its decisions. The Council would like to encourage active participation in consultation to promote ownership and empowerment within the Community.

2. How to Make a Submission?

Details of community consultation opportunities are:

- Published in The Advertiser public notices;
- Displayed at the Council Offices and Customer Service Centres;
- Advertised through the Council's Electronic Direct Mail;
- On the Council's website at www.npsp.sa.gov.au; and
- On the Council's social media channels.

A copy of the draft 2021–2031 Long-term Financial Plan is available for viewing at the Council's principal Office, 175 The Parade Norwood or at one of the Council's Customer Service Centres located at

Payneham Community Centre

374 Payneham Road, Payneham

Payneham Library

2 Turner Street, Felixstow

St Peters Library

101 Payneham Road, St Peters

Or can be downloaded from the Council's website at www.npsp.sa.gov.au

Submissions must be in writing and can be made by

- Completing the on-line submission form at www.npsp.sa.gov.au
- Downloading the comments form, completing and emailing to LTFPRReview@npsp.sa.gov.au
- By mail and attention to:
General Manager, Corporate Services
City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters
PO Box 204
Kent Town SA 5071
Email comments to LTFPRReview@npsp.sa.gov.au

All comments must be received by 5pm, 6 January 2021.

Consideration of Submissions

All submissions received will be summarised in a schedule of submissions for consideration by Council at a Council workshop or 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 a personal letter, in the Council meeting minutes, on the Council’s website or in a Council newsletter.

3. 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.

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