

Special Council Meeting Minutes

16 June 2021

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*A City which values its heritage, cultural diversity,
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*A progressive City which is prosperous, sustainable
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VENUE Council Chambers, Norwood Town Hall

HOUR 7.00pm

PRESENT

Council Members Mayor Robert Bria
Cr Kester Moorhouse
Cr Evonne Moore
Cr Garry Knoblauch
Cr John Minney
Cr Carlo Dottore
Cr Kevin Duke
Cr Connie Granozio (entered the meeting at 7.01pm)
Cr Mike Stock
Cr Scott Sims
Cr Fay Patterson
Cr Sue Whittington
Cr John Callisto
Cr Christel Mex

Staff Mario Barone (Chief Executive Officer)
Peter Perilli (General Manager, Urban Services)
Carlos Buzzetti (General Manager, Urban Planning & Environment)
Lisa Mara (General Manager, Governance & Community Affairs)
Sharon Perkins (General Manager, Corporate Services)
Tina Zullo (Administration Officer, Governance & Community Affairs)

APOLOGIES Nil

ABSENT Nil

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 JUNE 2021

Cr Stock moved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 June 2021 be taken as read and confirmed. Seconded by Cr Minney and carried unanimously.

2. STAFF REPORTS

2.1 DRAFT 2021-2022 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN – CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager, Corporate Services
GENERAL MANAGER: Chief Executive Officer
CONTACT NUMBER: 8366 4585
FILE REFERENCE: qA72303/A173271
ATTACHMENTS: A – E

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present for the Council's consideration, the submissions which have been received on the Draft 2021-2022 Annual Business Plan.

BACKGROUND

As required by Section 123 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act), the Council must have an Annual Business Plan and Budget (the Plan) for each financial year and the community must be given an opportunity to comment on that Plan.

At the Council Meeting held on 3 May 2021, the Council endorsed the Draft 2021-2022 Annual Business Plan, as required by the Act, for release for community consultation.

RELEVANT STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS & POLICIES

The Council's Long-term Strategic directions are outlined in the *City Plan 2030 – Shaping our Future*. The Draft Plan and supporting Draft 2021-2022 Budget (Budget), set out the proposed services and programs and initiatives for the 2021-2022 Financial Year and explains how the Council intends to finance its continuing services, programs and initiatives which are to be undertaken during the year.

The Council's Long-term Financial Plan (LTFP), is a key document in the Councils Planning Framework. It is the primary financial management tool which links the Councils Strategic Plan, *City Plan 2030 – Shaping our Future*, Whole-of-Life Assets Management Plans and the Annual Business Plan and Budget.

The adoption of the Draft 2021-2022 Annual Business Plan will, assist the Council in the achievement of its goals and objectives as set out in the suite of endorsed suite of Strategic Planning documents set out above.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

If the Council chooses to amend the Draft Plan as a result of its consideration of the submissions which have been received. It should be noted that there may be financial implications on the Draft Budget. These will be determined following Council's consideration of the submissions. As such, if Elected Members are proposing to put forward any amendments, please contact the General Manager, Corporate Services to discuss the possible impacts of any amendments.

EXTERNAL ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

SOCIAL ISSUES

Nil.

CULTURAL ISSUES

Nil.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Nil.

RESOURCE ISSUES

Nil.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Nil.

COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

- **Elected Members**
Elected Members have been involved throughout the preparation of the Draft Plan and Budget and have considered the various components of the Draft Plan and made 'in-principle' decisions as appropriate.
- **Community**
Through the public consultation process the citizens have been provided with the opportunity to have input into and comment on the Draft Plan.
- **Staff**
The review of the Operating Expenditure and Special Projects and the draft Annual Business Plan process has been completed with the involvement of the Chief Executive Officer, General Managers and the various responsible officers.
- **Other Agencies**
Not Applicable.

DISCUSSION

At the Council Meeting held on 3 May 2021, the Council approved the Draft Plan for release for community consultation, subject to any editorial changes as authorised by the Chief Executive Officer.

The draft 2021-2022 Budget, was also released for consultation in conjunction with the draft Annual Business Plan and is based on a 4.35% rate revenue increase. At the time the Draft Plan was released for community consultation, the proposed rate revenue increase translated to an Average Residential Rate increase of 3.70% (\$56 per annum), which comprises of a rate-in-the-dollar increase of 2.3% (\$35) and a property valuation increase 1.4% (\$21) and an Average Commercial Rate increase of 2.24% (\$58 per annum), rate-in-the-dollar increase of 2.3% (\$60) and a property valuation adjustment of minus 0.06% (-\$2) due to the slight reduction in the average property value for commercial properties.

Key aspects of the Draft Budget are set out in Table 1 below:

TABLE 1: DRAFT BUDGET AS RELEASED ON COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Rate Revenue Increase	4.35%
Average Residential Rate Increase	3.71%
Average Commercial Rate Increase	2.24%
Rate-in-the-Dollar increase (based on 3 May 2021 valuations)	2.31%
Operating Surplus	\$425,000
Expenditure on continuing services and programs (excluding Regional Landscapes Levy)	\$44.831 million
Expenditure on new initiatives and strategic operating projects (including 2020-2021 Carry-forward projects)	\$642,000
Total Capital Works Program (including 2020-2021 Carry-forward projects)	\$26.089 million
Non- Rate Operating Revenue	\$9.088 million
Net General Rate Revenue (excluding Regional Landscapes Levy)	\$36.154 million
Regional Landscapes Levy **	\$1.632 million
Capital Grant Funding	\$4.216 million

** The Council is acting as a revenue collector for the Green Adelaide Board in this regard and does not retain this revenue.

A copy of the draft Plan which was released for community consultation is contained in **Attachment A**.

Public Consultation

Pursuant to Section 123 (3) and (4) of the Act, a Public Notice was published in The Advertiser on 10 May 2021, advising citizens that:

- the Council's Draft Annual Business Plan was be available for comment; and
- written feedback was to be received by 5pm, Wednesday 1 June 2021.

Promotion of the Community Consultation also included:

- a News Item on the Council's website at www.npsp.sa.gov.au;
- an article distributed via the Councils Social Media Channels; and
- A4 posters displayed at the Council Buildings.

The Draft Plan, was also available for viewing at the Norwood Town Hall and at each of the Council's Libraries. Interested citizens could also download a copy of the Draft Plan from the Council's website.

Interested citizens have been provided with the opportunity to provide feedback and comments on the Draft 2020-2021 Plan via the following methods:

- attending the Public Meeting which was held on Wednesday 2 June 2021;
- completing an on-line form via the Council's website;
- completing a hard copy Feedback Form, which was available at the Reception Foyer at the Norwood Town Hall;
- email: ABPConsultation@npsp.sa.gov.au; or
- write to the Council, attention to the General Manager, Corporate Services, City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters, PO Box 204, Kent Town SA 5071.

Six (6) written submissions were received by the closing date for written submission (5.00 pm on 2 June 2021). As Elected Members are aware, no members of the public attended the Public Meeting that was held on 2 June 2021.

A copy of the written submissions which have been received are contained in **Attachment B**.

Comments which have been prepared by staff in respect to the written submissions are provided below.

**1. Comments on the 2021-2022 Annual Business Plan
Submitted by Mr Tony Camporeale**

Submission:

Mr Camporeale has raised concerns with the proposed average residential rate increase of 3.71%, however not withstanding this, requested that a shelter similar to those installed at Coke Park and Felixstow Reserve be installed at Linde Reserve.

Staff Comment:

Prepared by General Manager, Corporate Services and Project Manager, Urban Design & Special Projects

Average Residential Rate Increase

In determining any increase in rate revenue, the Council considers the expenditure which is required to provide its existing services and programs, plus the additional funds required to provide enhancement to those services and programs, through increased service levels and infrastructure upgrades. Upon determining the level of expenditure, the Council then determines the additional revenue needed to meet the financial commitments during the year. Given the nature of the Council's operations, Rate Revenue is the major source of revenue to meet the expenditure and financial commitments of the Council, however where possible, the Council will seek other funding opportunities, such as grant funding, to meet the expenditure commitments.

The increase in Rate Revenue required to be collected for any given year, is raised from property owners through the general increase in the Capital value of properties, with the balance being collected through an increase in the Rate-in-the-Dollar, which is applied to the respective property value. The Council considers the use of Capital Value as the fairest method of distributing and collecting rates.

To communicate the proposed Rate increase, the Council determines an average residential property by dividing the Capital Value for all residential properties by the number of residential assessments. For the 2021-2022 financial year, the "average residential property" is valued at \$682,759, compared to the 2020-2021 "average residential property" value of \$673,775. The average residential rate increase takes into account the impact of the growth in capital value of the property plus the change in the rate-in-the-dollar. For the 2021-2022 financial year, the increase in the rate-in-the-dollar is 2.3% (\$35), with the increase in rates payable from valuation growth is 1.4% (\$21).

In comparison to CPI, while the March Quarter CPI for Adelaide has been reported at 1.2%, given the increasing supply pressures, which is of particular relevance to the Council and Local Government generally due to the nature the major inputs utilised in the provision of Council services, programs and construction activities, core inflation is forecast to be in order of 2.5% for the 2021-2022 financial year. As such the proposed rate increase is in line with the suggested rate increase outlined in the submission from Mr Camporeale.

While the proposed Rate increase of 2.3% plus valuation growth, is higher than recent years, 79% of the residential property owners will have an increase in their rates payable of \$35 or less, which given the record level of investment in not only renewing the City's roads and footpaths but also enhancing the City's open spaces and recreational facilities, is a valid justification for the increase in the quantum of rate revenue which is required.

Installation of a Shelter at Linde Reserve

While there is no shelter currently located on Linde Reserve, there is a substantial amount of tree canopy surrounding and in proximity to the existing barbeque and picnic area. Given that the trees are on the north side of the existing picnic setting, barbeque and seat, the tree canopy would provide sufficient shade in sunny and hot weather. Given the existing tree canopy, it is considered that the installation of a shelter at this location would provide a cramped feeling and therefore not recommended. If a shelter was considered to be an essential element to increase the functionality of Linde Reserve, it would be better suited in a location which was more open and not shaded (e.g. adjacent the existing basketball court) however such locations are away from the existing facilities.

It recommended that the installation of a shelter at Linde Reserve be considered as part of future Recreation and Open Space asset renewal programs as it is not seen as a priority for the 2021-2022 financial year.

2. Comments on the Draft 2021-2022 Annual Business Plan. Submitted by Mr Nathan Cunningham

Submission:

Mr Cunningham's submission raised concerns with the proposed average residential rate increase of 3.71%.

Staff Comment:

Prepared by General Manager, Corporate Services

As outlined in the response provided to the submission received from Mr Camporeale, while the proposed Rate increase of 2.3% plus valuation growth, is higher than recent years, 79% of the residential property owners will have an increase in their rates payable of \$35 or less, which given the record level of investment in not only renewing the City's roads and footpaths but also enhancing the City's open spaces and recreational facilities, provides the justification for the increase.

3. Comments on the Draft 2020-2021 Annual Business Plan Submitted by Mr Robert Turnbull

Mr Turnbull's submission does not support the proposed average residential rate increase of 3.71% and raised concerns with the Council's position in respect to infrastructure spend to create employment as the State recovers from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Staff Comment:

Prepared by General Manager, Corporate Services

While it is acknowledged that job creation is primarily the responsibility of Federal and State Governments, as the third tier of Government, Local Government has a role in supporting the Federal and State Governments in this endeavour. In fact, Local Government is expected by State and Federal Governments, to be part of the COVID-19 recovery program, as many of the infrastructure projects and initiatives are expected to be delivered by Local Government.

Both the Federal Government and the State Government have provided grant funding to Local Government to undertake infrastructure projects, which not only create jobs for the local community, but also improve the City's infrastructure such as, roads, footpaths, parks and reserves and community facilities. The Council has been fortunate in obtaining \$9.2 million in grant funding, which will assist from a financial perspective to the reconstruction of local roads, footpath improvements and major projects which have been scheduled to be undertaken in the Council's *Asset Management Plans* and *Long-Term Financial Plan*.

4. Comments on the Draft 2020-2021 Annual Business Plan. Submitted by Ms Dina Hatwell

Ms Hatwell's submission raises concerns with the following:

- proposed Average Residential Rate increase of 3.71%;
- Councils position on undertaking infrastructure projects to create employment as the State recovers from the COVID-19 Pandemic; and
- lack of notification of Community Consultation and the financial support package included in the *2020-2021 Annual Business Plan and Budget*.

Staff Comment:

Prepared by General Manager, Corporate Services

As outlined in the comments to the other responses, comments have been provided with respect to the proposed Average Residential Rate increase and the Council's role in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

As outlined earlier in this report, the *Annual Business Plan Consultation* has been promoted via the Council's Website, social media, media releases, a Public Notice and posters. Given the cost to produce and distribute such information, the use of postcards to inform residents of consultations are limited to consultations, which target a specific group or location, such as the 40km speed limit, rather than City-wide consultations, such as the *Annual Business Plan and Budget*.

As Elected Members are aware, as part of the 2020-2021 Budget, the Council endorsed and implemented a *COVID-19 Financial Support Package* which included:

- a zero (0%) rate increase for all property owners, except where the rate increase is a result of new development, property improvements, a change in land use or zoning or a result of a sale, which is currently estimated to be 0.64%;
- a rate cap of 1% to eligible residential and commercial ratepayers;
- waiving *The Parade Development Separate Rate* for businesses within the Norwood Parade Business Precinct;
- three (3) month rent relief for Commercial and Community tenants of Council owned buildings (subject to demonstrating financial hardship resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic);
- waiving permit fees for community sporting groups which utilise the Council's sporting grounds;
- rebating Outdoor Dining Permit fees from 1 July 2020 until 31 December 2020; and
- additional Economic Development expenditure to promote Councils business precincts.

In addition, the Council relaxed the enforcement of time-limited parking controls to assist local businesses and residents during the peak of the COVID-19 restrictions (which were imposed by State and Federal Governments).

The details of the *Financial Support Package* was included in the *2020-2021 Annual Business Plan*, the *Look East* newsletter and on the Council's website.

As requested by Ms Hatwell, a response to the questions raised in the submission has been provided to Ms Hatwell and a copy of the response is contained in **Attachment C**.

5. Comments on the Draft 2020-2021 Annual Business Plan. Submitted by Mr Maxwell Sugars

Submission:

Mr Sugar's submission does not support the draft 2021-2022 Annual Business Plan and Budget, however no additional comments were provided in the submission to indicate what elements of the Plan that were not supported.

6. Comments on the Draft 2020-2021 Annual Business Plan Submitted by Ms Adriana Coscia

Submission:

Ms Coscia's submission requests that gates and lights be installed at St Morris Reserve.

Staff Comment:

Prepared by General Manager, Governance & Community Affairs

Installation of Gates

In late 2018, the Council endorsed the *Dog & Cat Management Plan* which sets out the conditions and criteria for off-leash areas in the City. As Elected Members are aware, St Morris Reserve allows dogs off leash between 5.00pm and 8.00am on any day. This reserve is adjacent to the St Morris Childcare Centre and the off-leash hours were determined in order to avoid any potential conflicts between users.

The Council has considered the establishment of a dedicated dog park within the City and at its meeting held 2 December 2019 resolved the following:

- to establish a dedicated dog park at Hannaford Reserve;
- to undertake community consultation with regards to the installation of timed lighting at Otto Park; and
- not to install gates at any other reserve and/or park within the City on the basis that the installation of gates at reserves/parks creates 'de-facto' dog parks.

The decision not to install gates at any other reserves or parks includes St Morris Reserve.

As advised at the time, there is considerable evidence to suggest that as a result of decisions to fully fence Reserves, there is an intensification of the use of the reserve by dog owners, as the installation gates to a fenced park/reserve effectively results in the creation of a dog park. Given the Council resolution not to install gates at any other reserve and/or park within the City on the basis that the installation of gates at reserves/parks creates 'de-facto' dog parks, it is therefore not recommended to install gates at St Morris Reserve.

Installation of Reserve Lights

As part of the Trinity Valley Stormwater Drainage upgrade, St Morris Reserve has been identified as a potential site for a detention basin to address the flooding issues. It is therefore recommended that considerations regarding the installation of lights be deferred until the design works for this section of the Trinity Valley Stormwater Drainage upgrade is finalised.

Draft Budget

Since releasing the 2021-2022 Annual Business Plan and Budget for consultation, there have been a number of decisions and a review of original budget submissions which have been undertaken which impact on the Draft Budget.

In addition to any changes that the Council determines and which are considered at this meeting to incorporate into the Draft Budget as a result of the submissions which have been received, the following amendments have been made to the Draft Budget.

- Home and Community Care Services – Under 65's

At its Meeting held on 3 May 2021, the Council considered a report to amend the Council Decision made on 6 April 2021 regarding the continuation of funding of up to \$40,000 per annum for the provision of Home Support Services (Domestic Assistance, Home Maintenance and Shopping Services) to clients aged under 65 years of age living with a disability.

Based on advice received from the *State Department of Human Services* which advised the Council that clients currently in receipt of Council services through the *South Australian Home and Community Care Program* (HACC), will be offered services through the *Royal District Nursing Society* (RDNS), therefore the need for the Council to fund existing client services no longer existed.

As such the Council resolved to amend the resolution made at its meeting held on 6 April 2021, in respect to the funding arrangements for future home support services for citizens aged under 65 living with a disability, as follows:

1. *That the Council resolves to allocate funding of up to \$10,000 per annum for the provision of Home Support Services (Domestic Assistance, Home Maintenance and Shopping Services) to new clients aged under 65 years of age living with a disability, who do not qualify for either the National Disability Insurance Scheme or My Aged Care or the Community Connections program for an initial two (2) year period.*
2. *That the Council notes a report will be presented to the Council regarding the progress of the program at the end of the two (2) year period.*
3. *That the Council forwards a letter to The Hon Steven Marshall MP, State Member for Dunstan and Mr James Stevens MP, Federal Member for Sturt, to bring the Council's concerns regarding this matter to their attention.*

As a result of the amendment, the Community Services Recurrent Budget was reduced by \$30,000.

- Youth Development Strategy

The *Youth Development Strategy* identifies there are benefits to young people through participating in physical activities such as organised sport. It is proposed to introduce, as part of the implementation of the *Youth Development Strategy*, a *Sports Voucher Program* to assist high school aged resident in low income households to access sporting opportunities within the City. The *School Voucher Program* has been designed as a trial program which provides a \$100 Sport Voucher, similar to the voucher provided by the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing provided to Primary School aged children, to eligible young people to be put toward registration fees and other costs associated with organised sports or recreation activities.

The anticipated cost of the trial program is \$5,000. Details of the Program are outlined in the Funding Submission contained in **Attachment D**.

- Financial Assistance Grant - Supplementary Road Funding

As part of its 2021-2022 Budget, the Federal Government announced it will provide \$40 million over two (2) years from 2021-2022 in *Supplementary Local Road* funding to South Australia to assist councils to upgrade and maintain the local road network. The *Supplementary Local Road* program was originally introduced in 2004-2005 to rectify South Australia's unfair share of the local roads component of Financial Assistance Grant funding. The Council's draft 2021-2022 Budget did not include *Supplementary Local Road* funding, as it was not confirmed that this funding would continue, as such the recurrent Grant Funding budget has been increased by \$180,000.

- Revaluation Initiative

As Elected Members may recall, in 2015, the Valuer-General identified that the data which formed the basis of the General Valuation would benefit from a comprehensive review. As part of the 2016-2017 State Budget, funds were allocated to the Office of the Valuer-General to undertake an in depth data collection and analysis program, '*The Revaluation Initiative*'. Due to the commercialisation of the then State Valuation Office, the project was deferred, with the first cycle of the Revaluation Initiative being undertaken as part of the 2019-2020 General Valuation. The Council was included in Cycle 2, which was to be undertaken as part of the 2020-2021 General Valuation, however due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Cycle 2 was put on hold. The *Revaluation Initiative* subsequently recommenced as part of the 2021-2022 General Valuation.

The *Revaluation Initiative* does not replace the General Valuation, but rather enhance the accuracies of those valuations. The scope of the *Revaluation Initiative* for this Council included:

- a. a review and where required an update to the site and capital valuation of the valuation records associated with:
 - Residential Property;
 - Commercial (retail & office) & Industrial Property; and
 - Specialist complex valuation records associated with Medical Centres and Child Care Centres; and
- b. the capture of missing and new property attributes where required associated with each valuation record in scope.

As part of the General Valuation, the City has seen a valuation increase of 2.01%, which is below the Metropolitan Council increase of 3.76%. While this City's overall valuation increase has been quite modest, the *Revaluation Initiative* has resulted in an increase in the number of residential properties being eligible for Rate Capping, as the rate increase, as a result of an increase in property valuation, is in excess in of the Rate Cap, which has been set at 8.7%. The draft Budget estimated the Rate Capping expense at \$10,000, however following the review of those properties which have experienced a valuation increase, around 1000 residential properties will now be eligible for a Rate Cap, with an estimated cost of \$120,000.

In addition, the value of mandatory rebates has increased by \$155,000, up from \$975,000 to \$1.130 million due to an increase in property values relating to those properties which are eligible for mandatory rebates.

Additional COVID-19 Cleaning

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council increased the cleaning of the public access spaces and public amenities, such as the front counter at the Norwood Town Hall, Libraries etc. during business hours. The draft 2021-2022 Recurrent Budget proposed for the cleaning regime to continue during the 2021-2022 financial year. Following a review of this cleaning program, it is proposed that the additional cleaning regime be suspended, with the proposed allocation of \$76,000 being removed from the Recurrent Budget. Should an outbreak of COVID-19 occur, the Council will respond accordingly and re-introduce the additional cleaning to address any health concerns if required.

Budget Summary

As part of the Annual Rates Declaration, the Council is required to provide a summary of the Adopted Annual Business Plan with the Annual Rates Notice, which is issued in August each year.

The *Local Government Act 1999*, prescribes that the Council must, after adopting the Annual Business Plan and Budget ensure that:

- a summary of the Annual Business Plan is prepared to assist in promoting public awareness of the nature of its services and its rating and financial management policies, taking into account its objectives and activities for the ensuing financial year; and
- a copy of the summary of the Annual Business Plan accompanies the first rates notice sent to ratepayers after the declaration of its rates for the financial year; and
- copies of the adopted Annual Business Plan and Budget are available for inspection or purchase; copies of the summary of the annual business plan are available for inspection and to take (without charge), at the principal office of the council; and
- electronic copies of the adopted Annual Business Plan and Budget are published on a website.

Other than the inclusion of an assessment of the extent to which the Council's objectives for the previous financial year have been attained, the form of the required summary is at the discretion of the Council.

The past practice for this Council is to include the Annual Business Plan Summary (the Summary) in the first edition of *Look East*, with *Look East* being distributed with the Annual Rates Notice. Given the size of the *Look East* publication, the cost to distribute *Look East* with the Rates notice is significant, with the 2020-2021 cost being \$48,000, which comprised of postage of \$37,000 and envelope insertion costs being \$11,000. This is compared to the \$10,000 spent to distribute the second edition, which is hand delivered. It should be noted that these costs are in addition to the printing and distribution of the Annual Rates Notice.

Given the cost for the distribution of the Summary, alternative options have been considered for meeting the Legislative requirement to provide a Summary with the Annual Rates Notice.

To meet the legislative requirement, most Councils provide a 12-16 page DL sized flyer included within the Rates Notice. The cost to produce a 12-16 page DL sized Summary document, which will be printed and distributed as part of the print job for the Annual Rates Notice is in the order of \$8,000, a saving of \$40,000. Given that *Look East* would still be produced, the savings would be offset by the distribution costs, which based on December 2020 *Look East* would be in the order of \$15,000, a potential saving of \$25,000.

As a result of the above, the Draft Operating Surplus (based on a 4.35% rate revenue increase) is \$515,000, a \$90,000 increase on the Operating Surplus of \$425,000, as presented in the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget which was released for community consultation.

Capital Grant Funding

The Council was successful in receiving Grant funding for the *Dunstan Adventure Playground Upgrade Project* (\$450,000) and *River Torrens Linear Park Shared Path Upgrade Project – Stage Two* (\$1,350,000) as part of the State Governments Open Space Program.

Funding and associated expenditure with these projects were not include within the draft 2021-2022 Annual Business Plan and Budget. Given the nature of these projects, the funding applications assumed that the construction works will be undertaken over an 18 month timeframe. As a result, the draft Capital Works Budget has been amended to include the following funding allocations:

- Dunstan Adventure Playground – Detailed Design (\$100,000).
- River Torrens Linear Park Shared Path Upgrade – Stage Two – Detailed Design and Construction (\$1,350,000).

At the Council Meeting held on 7 June 2021, the Council resolved to remove funding for the following projects from the draft 2021-2022 Capital Budget:

- the detailed design for the extension of the Reclaimed Water System;
- Year three (3) funding allocation for the Quadrennial Art Installation; and
- the conversion of Salisbury Lane and Kingsborough Lane to Public roads.

The financial impact of these adjustments is a reduction in the draft 2021-2022 Capital Budget by \$305,720.

The Draft 2021-2022 Financial Statements, updated for the above-mentioned amendments are contained in **Attachment E**.

OPTIONS

The Council can incorporate all, none or some of the proposals contained in the submissions which have been made in respect to the Draft 2021-2022 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

The recommended actions in respect to each of the submissions are contained within each of the comments within the Discussion Section of this report.

CONCLUSION

Nil

COMMENTS

If Elected Members have any questions or require clarification in relation to specific budget items, and/or any issues raised in this report, do not hesitate to contact the General Manager, Corporate Services, Sharon Perkins on 8366 4585, prior to the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the submissions which have been received in respect to the Draft 2021-2022 Annual Business Plan, be received and noted and where considered appropriate by the Council, the Draft 2021-2022 Annual Business Plan and Budget be amended for consideration and final adoption by the Council at the Council meeting scheduled to be held on 5 July 2021.
 2. That the citizens and organisations who have made written submissions in respect to the Draft 2021-2022 Annual Business Plan, be thanked and advised of the Council's decision in respect to their submissions.
 3. The Council notes that a further report in respect to the adoption of the Draft 2021-2022 Budget will be prepared for the Council's consideration at its meeting to be held on 5 July 2021.
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Cr Granozio entered the meeting at 7.01pm.

Cr Granozio left the meeting at 7.02pm.

Cr Granozio returned to the meeting at 7.04pm.

Cr Sims moved:

1. *That the submissions which have been received in respect to the Draft 2021-2022 Annual Business Plan, be received and noted and where considered appropriate by the Council, the Draft 2021-2022 Annual Business Plan and Budget be amended for consideration and final adoption by the Council at the Council meeting scheduled to be held on 5 July 2021.*
2. *That the citizens and organisations who have made written submissions in respect to the Draft 2021-2022 Annual Business Plan, be thanked and advised of the Council's decision in respect to their submissions.*
3. *The Council notes that a further report in respect to the adoption of the Draft 2021-2022 Budget will be prepared for the Council's consideration at its meeting to be held on 5 July 2021.*

Seconded by Cr Minney and carried unanimously.

3. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

3.1 COUNCIL RELATED MATTER

RECOMMENDATION 1

That pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council orders that the public, with the exception of the Council staff present, be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the Council will receive, discuss and consider:

- (g) matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the Council does not breach any duty of confidence;

and the Council is satisfied that, the principle that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public, has been outweighed by the need to keep the receipt/discussion/consideration of the information confidential.

RECOMMENDATION 2

Under Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council orders that the report, discussion and minutes be kept confidential until the official announcement has been made.

Cr Stock moved:

That pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that the public, with the exception of the Council staff present [Chief Executive Officer, General Manager, Governance & Community Affairs, General Manager, Urban Planning & Environment, General Manager, Urban Services, General Manager, Corporate Services and Administration Officer, Governance & Community Affairs] be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the Council will receive, discuss and consider:

- (g) matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the Council does not breach any duty of confidence;*

and the Council is satisfied that, the principle that the meeting should be conducted in a place open to the public, has been outweighed by the need to keep the receipt/discussion/consideration of the information confidential.

Seconded by Cr Duke and carried unanimously.

Cr Dottore moved:

Under Section 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that the report, discussion and minutes be kept confidential until the official announcement has been made.

Seconded by Cr Duke and carried unanimously.

4. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.22pm.

Mayor Robert Bria

Minutes Confirmed on _____
(date)