

Draft 2026/27

Business Plan and Budget

We're Investing in the City of Adelaide

- We want your feedback on our plan and our budget for the next 12 months
- This document outlines where our funds will come from and how they will be spent, priorities for the year and the projects you will see us invest in

Consultation closes 11:59pm, Tuesday, 26 May 2026.



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Project information

We're Investing in the City of Adelaide and seeking your feedback!

Every year Council develops a Business Plan and Budget – this is what we are seeking your feedback on. It describes the **priorities, programs, services** and **projects** that we plan to deliver and our proposed budget for the year, including the **rates** being proposed, **fees and charges, borrowings** and **grants**.

On the 28 April 2026 Council approved the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget for community consultation. This is the last Business Plan and Budget for this term of Council in the lead up to Local Government Elections in November 2026 and the third to deliver on the 2024-2028 Strategic Plan.

What you will find in this document is how Council is:

- ✓ Investing over \$25m into **new projects for public spaces**
- ✓ Investing over \$68m into **renewing our public facilities and spaces** like roads, footpaths and Park Lands
- ✓ Delivering **improved sports and recreational facilities** in our Park Lands
- ✓ Implementing **transport** initiatives including the school safety review
- ✓ Focusing on **environmental sustainability** including community grants
- ✓ Supporting **reconciliation** including funding for NAIDOC Week
- ✓ Building a **thriving city economy** including business support and Rundle Mall activities for its 50th Anniversary
- ✓ Partnering to deliver **more housing** for the City
- ✓ Helping our community engage with Council and **participate in the election**
- ✓ Opening the **expanded Adelaide Central Market**
- ✓ Delivering **technology improvements** to our organisation
- ✓ Being **financially sustainable** with a 5.6% rates increase

Keep reading this engagement pack to find more information alongside a [series of questions](#) to help you provide your feedback on the proposed 2026/27 investment into our Adelaide.

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Or visit ouradelaide.sa.gov.au

Why we plan and budget

The City of Adelaide is home to almost 30,000 residents and has more than 350,000 people come into the City and North Adelaide every day, such as workers, students, visitors and business owners. Our plan and our budget for the next year focuses on what our Council is doing for everyone in our community and as such we seek your feedback on what that could look like.

With all councils, we are required under the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) (the Act), to prepare an annual Business Plan and Budget and seek feedback on the draft document. We call this the “Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget” – simply, our plan and our budget.

For the City of Adelaide, this document outlines the projects, services and priorities for the upcoming financial year, and how they will be funded. We have built it in a way, so you can clearly see what we plan to deliver and how we intend to fund it.

To support the community on understanding why we have a Business Plan and Budget and what is included in this document, a series of fact sheets have been made available online at ouradelaide.sa.gov.au.

When you can provide feedback

You are invited to engage with Council on our Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget from Tuesday, 5 May 2026. If you would like to provide feedback, you will need to have provided it by 11:59pm, Tuesday, 26 May 2026.

Council will consider community feedback received and adopt the final 2026/27 Business Plan & Budget in June 2026.

How you can provide feedback

FEEDBACK FORM Complete the **form** attached to this engagement pack and return by:

- Email: BusinessPlan@cityofadelaide.com.au
- Hard copy: Drop off at our Customer Centre at 25 Pirie Street or at one of our libraries or community centres

ONLINE ouradelaide.sa.gov.au using the **online survey** tool.

WRITTEN Send **written comments** by:

- Email: BusinessPlan@cityofadelaide.com.au
- Post: Community Consultation, Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget, GPO Box 2252, Adelaide SA 5001

IN PERSON If you would like to talk to someone in person about your feedback, **we encourage you attend one of the many opportunities being offered:**

✓ **Visit staff members at one of these drop-in sessions**

Event	When	Where
Meander Market	Sat 9 May; 10am – 3pm	Corner of Melbourne Street and Jerningham Street, North Adelaide
Hutt Street Library	Tue 12 May; 10am – 12pm	235 Hutt Street, Adelaide
Adelaide Central Market	Fri 15 May; 12pm – 2pm	Gouger Street dining area 44-60 Gouger St, Adelaide
City Library	Wed 20 May; 2pm – 4pm	Level 3 Rundle Place, Rundle Mall

✓ **Make an appointment to talk to a staff member**

Book in a time by emailing BusinessPlan@cityofadelaide.com.au or talking to a Customer Service representative on 8203 7203.

✓ **Attend the Public Meeting**

Our community, including those who submit feedback by using the survey questions in this pack or our online form, are invited to attend and talk to Council at a Public Meeting being held at 6:30pm, Tuesday, 26 May 2026. This meeting will be held at the Adelaide Town Hall, 128 King William Street, Adelaide.

Registration, alongside a copy of your submission (if applicable), is required by no later than 5.00pm Monday 25 May 2026 by emailing BusinessPlan@cityofadelaide.com.au.

All responses for this consultation must be received by 11:59pm, Tuesday, 26 May 2026.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the proposed rate increase?

To support the delivery of our proposed plan in 2026/27, our budget includes a proposal for a 5.6% rate increase (see pages 74 and 77 for an explanation). This equates to an increase of \$127 (\$2.44 per week) for an average residential property, and an increase of \$606 (\$11.65 per week) for an average commercial property. The minimum rate has been increased by \$15 (\$415 for 2026/27).

How was the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget developed?

Our approach to planning for 2026/27 was based on the financial principles and forecast in the 2025/26 to 2034/35 Long Term Financial Plan, and feedback from Council Members through a series of briefings, workshops and reports. Further considerations included:

- ✓ Prioritising actions to deliver Year 3 of the Strategic Plan 2024-2028
- ✓ Asset and Strategic Planning from Asset Management Plans and other adopted Strategies and Plans
- ✓ Insights from the community through surveys and feedback from regular engagements
- ✓ Consideration of the challenges and opportunities arising from our operational and the economic environment

What happens after I provide feedback? How will my input be used?

When you participate in this engagement, you will receive a written response (email where possible) to confirm we have received it.

This feedback is then collated and provided directly to Council Members to review and consider as part of the adoption of the final 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget, in June 2026.

Where feedback has your personal details (such as a name and suburb), this may be made available to the public through a report to Council Members on the community engagement feedback. If you do now wish for this to be public, you can choose not to provide these details or advise that you do not want them to be included.

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Our Adelaide

Feedback Form (To be received by Council no later than 11:59pm, 26 May 2026)

First Name:				Last Name:			
Email Address:							
Address:							
Business/Organisation Name (if applicable):							
Gender:	☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other Identity		Year of Birth:				
Are you a City of Adelaide Ratepayer?	☐ Yes ☐ No						
Please tell us how you participate in city life (tick all that apply):							
☐ Work	☐ Live	☐ Shop	☐ Study	☐ Tourist			
☐ Business Owner/Operator			☐ Play (e.g. leisure, recreation, entertainment, dining)				
Please indicate your main areas of interest (tick all that apply):							
☐ Our Community	☐ Our Economy	☐ Our Environment	☐ Our Places				
Please indicate the locations that are of interest to you (tick all that apply):							
☐ East End	☐ North Adelaide	☐ South East					
☐ South West	☐ West End						

This form can also be completed online at ouradelaide.sa.gov.au.

Consistent with the State Government Community Engagement Charter those who submit feedback are invited to attend and talk to Council at 6:30pm, Tuesday, 26 May 2026. Registration, alongside a copy of your submission (this form) is required by no later than 5.00pm Monday 25 May 2026 by emailing BusinessPlan@cityofadelaide.com.au. All feedback will be submitted to Council, regardless of if you choose to speak to your submission or not. Unless otherwise removed, please note that all information provided in this submission form may be made available to the public through a report to Council, including your name and suburb. **Any feedback received with personal information removed by the submitter, will be provided to Council as "anonymous".**

OurAdelaide.sa.gov.au is Council's online consultation website. It is your chance to be kept up-to-date and provide feedback on areas of the city that interest you. Would you like to sign up to Our Adelaide to receive a monthly newsletter and be notified of new projects that match your interests?

☐ Yes (email _____) ☐ No

For 2026/27 our annual priorities from the Strategic Plan are summarised as:

- You can read more on pages 15-19 of the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget.

☐ No – None

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You can read more on pages 25-61 of the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget or refer to the Strategic Projects fact sheet on ouradelaide.sa.gov.au.

Please help us to understand your response by providing a comment:

Question 3: Our new & upgrade projects

We are proposing to invest \$29.721m into New and Upgrade (Capital) Projects, **focusing on road improvements, main street revitalisation and upgrades to our Park Lands.**

These projects are either introducing new assets or significantly upgrading existing assets, usually by extending an asset or increasing the level of service the asset provides. These projects are identified through Council’s Strategies and Plans.

You can read more on pages 62-64 of the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget or refer to the Capital Program and Main Streets fact sheets on ouradelaide.sa.gov.au.

Do you support the proposed Capital Projects for 2026/27? (tick one only)

☐ Yes – All

☐ Yes – Some

☐ No – None

Please help us to understand your response by providing a comment:

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We are proposing a 5.6% increase to our existing rates revenue base:

- This equates to an increase of \$127 (\$2.44 per week) for an average **residential** property
- This equates to an increase of \$606 (\$11.65 per week) for an average **commercial** property

We are making no other changes to our rating structure and rating principles, compared to last year, including the continuation of the **10% cap on an annual increase in general rates**.

Do you have any feedback on Council's rating approach?

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For 2026/27, most fees and charges will increase by 3.5%, reflecting Council's position that "fees and charges reflect the cost of services provided".

- Introduction of a new fee for After Hour Security Callouts at City of Adelaide Libraries and Community Centres
- Introduction of a permit fee for commercial advertising on static displays on approved low impact facilities
- Introduction of a Rundle Mall fee for static outdoor advertising
- Changes to outdoor dining fees:
 - Removal of the permit transfer fee
 - 12 month fee-free for new locations or locations that have not had outdoor dining for over 12 months
 - 12 month fee-free for businesses which transition to movable furniture (consistent with the outdoor dining transition policy)
 - 50% discount of the standard outdoor dining rate for businesses located in lower pedestrian areas.

You can read more on page 76 of the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget or refer to the Fees and Charges fact sheet on ouradelaidesa.gov.au.

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Please provide any further feedback on the Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget

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