

MEDIA RELEASE

DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN 2018-2019

FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The City of Port Lincoln has adopted its Draft Annual Business Plan for 2018/2019 for public consultation at its meeting held on Monday 19 April 2018. Council is inviting community feedback on the plan from Thursday 19 April to Monday 25 May 2018 to assist in determining the priorities, in particular the proposed new and upgraded capital projects and operational new initiatives for the coming financial year.

The Draft Annual Business Plan has been developed based on Council's Infrastructure & Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan which is currently under review and the Strategic Directions Plan 2016-2026 and Sustainable Projects Delivery Plan 2018-2026. These plans outline the long term services and project objectives for the City, to ensure that current and future priorities meet community needs and expectations and to ensure consistency with Council's vision which is to be a progressive, vibrant and safe coastal city that is an attractive place in which to live, work and grow.

The Draft Annual Business Plan is available for viewing at the Council Administration Office, Port Lincoln Library and online at www.portlincoln.sa.gov.au/draftabp2018.

The Community can provide their feedback through an on-line survey with hardcopies also available at the Council Administration Office and Port Lincoln Library and by written submission to Council. Council staff and Elected Members will also be available at the National Families Week Event on Sunday 20 May between 11am and 2pm to answer any questions on the Draft Annual Business Plan and other Council services.

Planning for 2018/2019 has identified a number of significant projects:

- Expansion of the Port Lincoln Leisure Centre, funded through a Commonwealth Community Development Grant;
- Liverpool Street Stormwater Works - Pump Station Upgrade;
- Road Reseal works of \$550,000 per year, and planned to continue over the next ten year period;
- Additional Road reseals of \$110,000 as a result of Supplementary Roads Grant Funding; and
- Completion of the Skate Park Upgrade and Renewal works.



The projects, programs and services proposed in the Draft Annual Business Plan are to be funded with an increase in rates revenue:

- Revenue from the General Rate Revenue is to increase by 4.1%, which is inclusive of the rate in the dollar and fixed charge components. When applied across all rateable properties including new assessments, the total average increase is 4.0% per assessment.
- Council has in the past increased the fixed charge by a nominal \$10 per year and will maintain a \$10 increase for 2018/2019.

Mayor Green said, “The proposed general rate revenue increase of 4.1% is in line with our Long Term Financial Plan and will enable funding of ongoing operational expenses, important renewal of infrastructure and priority new/upgrade capital and operational new initiatives to continue to build a great regional centre and community”.

The community is also invited to attend a one hour public meeting set aside at the Council meeting on Monday 21 May at 7.30pm in the City of Port Lincoln Council Chambers, where there will be opportunity for members of the public to make a submission or ask questions in relation to the Draft Annual Business Plan.

Stephen Rufus
Chief Executive Officer

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