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PORT LINCOLN COUNCIL ADOPTS 2018/2019 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET

The City of Port Lincoln Council adopted its Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2018/2019 and Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan 2019-2028 and Long Term Financial Plan 2019-2028 at its ordinary council meeting on Monday 18 June 2018.

The Annual Business Plan outlines significant factors that will shape the activities over the next 12 months which includes a number of major projects including:

- the Liverpool Street Stormwater Pump Station Upgrade project - \$3,200,000;
- the Leisure Centre Expansion Project (fully funded through the Commonwealth Development Grant Program) with \$2,653,000 included as projected expenditure and \$3,696,000 projected funding;
- a \$660,000 road re-seal program; and
- the upgrade of the Parnkalla Trail Wharf Precinct.

The Long Term Financial Plan outlines a target rate revenue increase for 2018/2019 of 4.1% on the general rates (including 'rate in the dollar' component) compared to the previous year, to fund the Annual Business Plan. The rate revenue increase has been kept to a level to enable funding of on-going operational expenses, renewal infrastructure works and priority new/upgrade capital and operational new initiatives.

During the public consultation phase on the Annual Business Plan in April/May the following new and upgraded projects and operational initiatives were rated as a high priority and have been included in the annual business plan and the adopted budget:

1. Liverpool Street Pump Station Upgrade - \$3,200,000
2. Priority New Footpaths Construction - \$98,000
3. Stormwater Management Plan Review - \$10,000
4. Energy Saving Initiatives for Council Facilities - \$34,000
5. Train Playground Toilet Block - \$70,000
6. Leisure Centre Expansion - \$2,653,000
7. Parnkalla Trail Wharf Precinct - \$430,000
8. Power Line Environmental Committee Streetscape Porter Street and Washington Street - \$297,140
9. Water Re-use Connection for Irrigating South Point Drive Reserve - \$90,000
10. Design Layout for Tourist Information Bay Signage - \$8,000

Mayor Bruce Green said, "The adopted plans provides for continuity of Council services and activities and does not include any new services or increased service levels, however there are a number of projects that will be resourced and undertaken within Council's ongoing operational capacity".

Council is expected to spend \$3.3 million this next financial year to provide waste and recycling services. Together with general cost increases, waste and recycling services continues to be a significant component of Council expenditure. Ratepayers can expect a combined Waste and Recycling Charge of \$310.15 (Waste \$256.75 and Recycling \$53.40) for 2018/2019.

Council will again be offering a 2% discount to those who pay their rates in full on or before 14 September 2018.

Five lucky people won themselves a \$100 Gift Certificate to spend of the Nautilus Arts Centre's Gallery, Shop or Theatre for providing their comments on the Draft Annual Business Plan during the consultation phase with 109 submissions received. The winners were: Charlotte Pollard, Charmaine Otto, Amanda Tiss, Kathryn Doudle and Dianne DeLaine.

The adopted plans will be available on Council's website www.portlincoln.sa.gov.au from 22 June 2018.

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