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## **HAVE YOUR SAY ON COUNCIL'S YEAR AHEAD**

Adelaide City Council is inviting the community to have a say on its draft 2016-17 Integrated Business Plan, open for consultation from 11 May to 31 May.

Lord Mayor Martin Haese is encouraging people to give feedback on how the Council plans to manage its \$193 million annual expenditure and \$1.3 billion in assets during the next 12 months.

“The draft 2016-17 Integrated Business Plan will align and integrate with Council’s new 2016-20 Strategic Plan and will work to deliver projects and outcomes set out within the plan.

“The Strategic Plan sets out our vision for Adelaide to be a smart, green, liveable, boutique city full of rich experiences and we have allowed funding within this budget to work toward all of these outcomes.

“The draft Integrated Business Plan also focuses on delivering key projects along with on-going services such as maintaining roads and footpaths, waste collection, cleansing and Park Lands maintenance. We must focus on what makes Adelaide one of the most liveable cities and continue to deliver high-quality services and invest in infrastructure in a cost-effective way.

“Growth from new development in the city has enabled us to relieve the cost of living pressures for city residents and businesses and limit the general rate increase on existing properties to CPI. Revenue generated from rates is reinvested back into the City and North Adelaide.

“This low increase follows a freeze on the rate in the dollar last year which meant for many residents, there was no increase in their rates.”

Key projects in the draft 2016-17 Integrated Business Plan include:

- \$32.7 million in asset renewals, including \$6.4 million towards roads
- \$8.8 million to develop further Smart City and Smart Organisation initiatives, including rolling out projects such as Smart Parking and Smart Lighting, and \$298,000 towards the Adelaide Smart City Studio program to connect Adelaide’s entrepreneurs with development opportunities across the globe.
- Council’s ongoing commitment to creating a greener, more liveable city with \$2.4 million allocated towards the Greener Streets Program to increase greenery in built-up areas of the city by 100,000 square metres by 2020. A further \$1.4 million has been allocated for specific Carbon Neutral Adelaide climate change initiatives to undertake genuine reductions in the city’s greenhouse emissions.
- \$300,000 toward Smart Move projects to continue to deliver outcomes such as safe cycling, pedestrian links as well as ongoing funding for the City Connector bus service including Tindo.
- \$350,000 to support Adelaide Convention Bureau’s mission to attract business conventions, exhibitions, incentives tourism and other events to Adelaide
- A strong emphasis on supporting business growth, as well as strengthening the relationship between business and Council, with \$388,000 allocated to a range of initiatives including seminars and events for small businesses, entrepreneur support programs, and investment attraction and trade growth workshop
- \$200,000 toward the implementation of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy

- \$160,000 for preliminary planning of the Central Market Arcade redevelopment
- \$711,000 toward city activation to provide a platform for businesses and the community to trial and test initiatives aimed at increasing visitation and economic growth
- \$1.6 million toward sponsorship for groups and organisations to assist in staging a diverse range of events and activities in the city
- \$204,000 in financial support to assist art and cultural individuals and groups to deliver inspiring art, cultural and multicultural projects, including working with the State Government and Music SA to develop a new winter festival.

Importantly, Council will continue to deliver an array of community services and activities including community centres, libraries, the provision of home and community care services, free training programs and business support through Enterprise Adelaide.

Public consultation is open from 11 May until 5.30pm 31 May. Feedback can be provided in a range of ways:

- Online at [yoursay.adelaidecitycouncil.com](http://yoursay.adelaidecitycouncil.com)
- Via email at [yoursay@adelaidecitycouncil.com](mailto:yoursay@adelaidecitycouncil.com)
- In writing to *Community Consultation: Draft 2016-17 Integrated Business Plan, GPO Box 2252, Adelaide SA 5001*
- Hard copy submission forms will be available from Council's Customer Service Centre, libraries and community centres

A special council meeting will be held on Monday 23 May at 5.30pm at the Adelaide Town Hall for public submissions and Q&A with Elected Members.

The Plan is expected to be adopted in June.

For more information, please visit: [yoursay.adelaidecitycouncil.com](http://yoursay.adelaidecitycouncil.com)

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