ELECTED MEMBERS' BRIEFING SESSION

Date of Workshop:	Monday, 30 May 2022
Time Start (approx.):	6.30pm
Subject (1):	2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget
Department:	Business Support & Improvement
Presenter(s):	Peter Tsokas, Alex Brown, and Nicola Tinning
Session:	<u>.</u>

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Business Support & Improvement
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DISCUSSION

Outcomes of Public Consultation

Public Consultation on the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget occurred between Friday 29 April and Friday 20 May 2022. The consultation was promoted through the following channels:

- Your Say Unley and Council's website;
- Social media posts which included a 3 minute feature video or shorter strategic theme highlight videos and links to the relevant Your Say Unley page;
- A public notice in The Advertiser;

• Posters and printed copies of the Annual Business Plan & Budget and survey forms at the Civic Centre, libraries and community centres.

Public Information Meetings were held as follows:

- Thursday 5 May, City of Unley Council Chambers, 3-4pm.
- Tuesday 10 May, Online Meeting, 5-6pm.
- Thursday 12 May, Fullarton Park Community Centre, 10-11am.
- Thursday 12 May, City of Unley Council Chambers, 6-7pm.

Feedback was also sought from the Living Young Reference Group (LYRG) and Active Ageing Alliance (AAA) in a joint meeting held on Wednesday 11 May at the City of Unley Council Chambers from 5-6pm.

A total of 6 ratepayers attended the 4 public meetings, and 7 people attended the joint meeting with the Living Young Reference Group (LYRG) and Active Ageing Alliance (AAA). A summary of the discussions at the public meetings is provided in Attachment 1, noting that some attendees have also provided written submissions.

Attachment 1

16 written submissions were received as follows:

- 13 responses through the Your Say Unley Survey; and
- Submissions from
 - the Unley Road Association
 - Members of the Unley Trees Action Group and Grow, Grow, Grow Your Own
 - A member of the public.

These submissions are provided in Attachment 2.

Attachment 2

The following table provides a summary of the Your Say Unley responses received.

Торіс	Responses	
Rates	 Nine responses supported an average increase in general rates in line with CPI 	
	 Two responses were not supportive of an increase inline with CPI: 	
	 one response asked Council to rethink, stating families were doing it tough 	
	 one response said annual increases were not sustainable, and the increase in property valuations and rate increase would put considerable mortgage stress on families. 	

Торіс	Responses
Special Rate	 The Unley Road Association have requested an increase in line with Adelaide CPI
	 One response suggested the proposed increase in general rates should apply to all the separate rates as well.
	 One response suggested that the increase in rates for main street trader associations be used to improve the streetscapes of Goodwood and Fullarton Road shopping precincts.
Services and Operational	 One response supported borrowings for service delivery
Expenditure	 One response advised the community centres, environmental management, library services, and sustainable landscapes and volunteers was important to them.
	 One response was not supportive of the expenditure on Business Systems and Solutions.
	 One response stated too much was being spent on wages and believed the Office of the CEO spends more on staff than other Councils.
Swimming Centre	 One response requested the Swimming Centre have: lap swimming all year round the winter fee to be higher maintain reduced hours in May.
Operating Projects	Three responses supported the Environmental Initiatives
	One response requested more trees on verges
	 One response supported the Cultural Mapping and Development of a Reconciliation Plan
	 One response believed the Climate and Energy Plan, Cycling and Walking Plan and Brown Hill Keswick Creek are needed and present good value for money
	 One response supported the mix of environmental, cultural and community projects
	One response proposed more art and music support.
	One response suggested tree planting could wait.
	 One response did not support the \$30K on Strategic Projects
	 One response suggested more trees should be planted on medium strips to support the carbon neutral goal and beautify the City
	 One response did not support the Creative Busking Stations.

Торіс	Responses
Climate and Energy Plan	 Two responses supported the implementation of the Climate and Energy Plan.
	 Two responses supported the proposed Sustainability Officer.
	 One response suggested more money should be spent assisting climate change including:
	 Purchasing more EV vehicles rather than just undertaking a trial
	 Installing more EV charging stations for residents
	 Installing solar on every Council owned rooftop
	The same individual was critical of Council purchasing carbon offsets to become carbon neutral by December 2023.
Environmental Education	 Two responses requested a significant education program to help the community in its own adaption to climate change.
	 The second response suggested Council could increase its activities in environmental education including active transport, waste reduction and recycling, environmental sustainability and climate mitigation and adaptation including building design, energy management and tree canopy maintenance. They also advised they would support a modest rate increase to fund this education.
Christmas Decorations	 Two responses did not support the Christmas Decorations for the Town Hall and Unley Library
	 One response suggested they would prefer a smaller amount be spent on materials for school students to create Christmas decorations.
Tour Down Under Stage Start	• One response queried the value of hosting the Stage Start from an economic development perspective and suggested an alternative could be a cycling event that encourages Unley residents to experience safe cycling in Unley and surrounds.
Parking Strategy	• One response did not support the parking strategy and suggested the proposed budget of \$35K could be spent on parklets to support outdoor dining and reduce congestion on footpaths.
Transport	 One response proposed Council support a public transport option with solar buses to form a connector route with the City and North Adelaide.
	 One response encouraged people to visit precincts by walking, cycling, and scooting
	 One response proposed more dedicated right hand lands to ease traffic congestion.

Торіс	Responses
Cycling Infrastructure, the Cycling and Walking Plan	 Two responses supported the continued implementation of the Cycling and Walking Plan. One response observed the difference in infrastructure between Hyde Park compared to Parkside.
	 One response believed enough money had been spent on the Cycling and Walking Plan.
	 One response raised concerns regarding cyclist safety on Unley Road and suggested more cyclists should be directed to use Rugby Street.
Infrastructure for Dogs	 One response requested more dog parks with fenced areas for large and small dogs. One response requested doggie dunny stations (waste bins for dog poo), and suggested locations for a trial. They also thought the Council could improve the management of dog waste on Council owned parks and open space.
Edmund Avenue Cottages Precinct	One response supported the continued development to the precinct.
Brownhill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project	 One response suggested more money should be spent on the Brown Hill Creek route where it affects property owners along the creek.
City Maintenance	 Two responses requested more frequent street sweeping. The Secretary of SASMEE Park has requested assistance in maintaining the grounds and particularly the lawn areas used by the public One response suggested: an assessment of pathways for pavers lifting, footpath cleaning to remove dog poo, utilisation of concrete footpaths for ageing residents, Developers pay for footpath remediation.
Infrastructure and Capital Works	 One response observed that that Council spent significant money installing carbon intensive hard surfaces and suggested alternative designs to roads and paths that better encourage active transport and improve the amenity of our suburban streets. One response queried what had happened to the Hammond Street project planned 2 years ago. One response suggested more funding should be put towards preserving water, that the City of Unley should become water independent, and have a contingency plan for drought. One response requested more funding to support active transport through separated infrastructure. One response suggested transparency on carry forwards was an area for improvement.

Торіс	Responses
Topic Other	 One response suggested there was very little focus on young people compared to older people and families One response queried if Council would reduce the scope of projects versus incurring additional costs given the current implications for materials, labour, and logistics. One response suggested a map of the budget to represent the spread of the budget, as it appears a large proportion is spent between Unley Road and Goodwood Road One response suggested summaries of community
	 consultation be published One response questioned why new apartment buildings are allowed to be built so close to Unley Road, foregoing any future opportunity to widen the road
	 One response queried what had happened to the proposed "little village hubs" proposed for Duthy Street approximately 15 years ago
	 One response staff are the greatest asset and should be retained.

Audit Committee Feedback

The Audit Committee considered the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget as part of the Audit Committee Meeting on 16 May 2022. The Audit Committee were supportive of the proposed 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget, and provided the following feedback to Council as contained in the meeting minutes:

- The City of Unley is in a sound financial position
- Aim to maintain an operating surplus ratio of 4.5% or better
- Consider the application of the March Adelaide CPI 4.7% where required in key expenditure items

Amendments made to the Draft Budget due to the higher CPI of 4.7%

Following the release of the March quarter CPI figure Administration reviewed key expenditure items that were going to be directly affected by the increase, and to help lessen the gap a review of fees and charges was also undertaken. A summary of the amendments to the draft budget include:

- **Operating income** increased by \$44K in User Fees
- **Operating expenditure** has increased by \$394K due to:
 - An increase in employee costs in line with the Enterprise Agreement;
 - An increase in contractual and material costs following a review of contractual increases and other cost pressures (eg fuel);

• An increase in interest expense following the forecast increase in interest rates.

• **Projects (Operating, New Capital and Renewal Capital)** at this stage <u>no</u> <u>change is proposed</u>. The majority of these are outsourced for delivery, and supply chain issues will be monitored throughout the year and reported to Council as part of the quarterly finance reports.

Property valuations

The financial statements within the Draft 2022-23 Budget were based on an average increase in General Rates of 3.0% plus 0.5% for growth from new developments and capital additions.

Since the adoption of the Draft ABP&B for consultation, the Australian Bureau of Statistics has advised Adelaide CPI for the March Quarter 2022 was 4.7%. All documents used during the consultation period made note of the difference between the forecast 3% and actual 4.7% increase.

The final property valuations will be received from the Valuer General in the second week of June. However, the latest data received estimates growth from new developments and capital improvements will be 0.80%. This is 0.3% or \$130K higher than assumed in the draft budget.

At this stage, the proposed property valuations estimate an average increase of approximately 28%, driven primarily by residential property valuations which have increased by 30%. In contrast, commercial shop and commercial other have experienced increases of 17% and 13% respectively. Recent media suggests these property valuation increases are expected across metro Adelaide.

The three separate rates in the dollar will be adjusted accordingly so that the average increase in general rate revenue for each category is consistent with the proposed increase in general rates.

General Rate Scenarios

As advised above, property growth from new developments and capital additions is estimated to be 0.8%. This is 0.3% higher than the assumption in the draft budget of 0.5%, an additional \$130K income.

To aid discussion, five scenarios, ranging from an average general rate increase from 3.0% to 4.0% are outlined below:

	Draft Budget	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	Scenario 5
General Rates increase	3%	3%	3.3%	3.5%	3.7%	4%
	growth 0.5%	growth 0.8%	growth 0.8%	growth 0.8%	growth 0.8%	growth 0.8%
Additional 0.3% growth	-	\$0.13M	\$0.13M	\$0.13M	\$0.13M	\$0.13M
Estimate Income from General Rates	\$43.71M	\$43.84M	\$43.96M	\$44.05M	\$44.26M	\$44.47M
Operating surplus	\$2.07M	\$2.20M	\$2.32M	\$2.41M	\$2.62M	\$2.83M
Operating Surplus Ratio	3.9%*	4.1%	4.4%	4.5%	4.9%	5.3%

* Expenditure and fee income affected by the increase in CPI to 4.7% has been included.

The reason the Draft Budget indicates a lower Operating Surplus Ratio 3.9% rather than 4.5% is because amendments mentioned above have been included.

To bridge the gap in extra income required because the actual CPI was 4.7% rather than the forecast 3%, each scenario includes the extra income from rates growth \$130K and an increase in some user charges \$44K.

In summary,

Scenario 1	3%	This will result in an operating surplus much less than the target of 5%, and less than what was in the Draft Budget for consultation. (4.5%) Therefore this scenario is not recommended
Scenario 2	3.3%	This will result in an operating surplus less than the target of 5% and is slightly less than what was in the Draft Budget for consultation. (4.5%) This scenario is not recommended as the rates increase is 1.4% less than CPI
Scenario 3	3.5%	The operating surplus ratio is 4.5% and is the same as what was in the Draft Budget for consultation. The rates will be 1.2% lower than CPI and therefore this scenario is not recommended.
Scenario 4	3.7%	The operating surplus ratio is 4.9%, just below the target of 5%, and the rates increase will be 1% lower than CPI.
Scenario 5	4%	The operating surplus ratio is 5.3%, above the 5% target, and the increase in rates will still below CPI.

Whilst the first two scenarios are not recommended, the decision is that of the Council and all 5 scenarios will maintain the Council's sound financial position.

To aid the preparation of the Council report to be presented at the June meeting, we will be seeking members feedback regarding which scenario is preferred.

Both the Net Financial Liabilities Ratio and Asset Sustainability Ratio will meet their targets for all 5 scenarios.

Other – early receipt of the Financial Assistance Grant

The Quarter 3 Budget Review advised that a larger proportion of the 2022-23 Financial Assistance Grant had been received in advance in the 2021-22 financial year. This grant is required to be accounted in the year that it is received.

At this stage we do not know if Council will receive an equivalent advance payment in 2022-23 for the 2023-24 financial year. If required, an adjustment will be made through a Budget Review in the 2022-23 financial year.

Notwithstanding the above, this timing variance should not alter the amount Council seeks to raise in rates for the 2022-23 financial year.

Specific Questions for Members

- Following feedback from the community on the Draft 2022-23 Business Plan and Budget, do Members wish to propose any changes to be made to the final 2022-23 budget.
- Which scenario for the average increase in general rates do Members prefer?

SPEAKERS

Peter Tsokas	Chief Executive Officer
Alex Brown	Manager Finance and Procurement
Nicola Tinning	General Manager Business Support and Improvement

THE BRIEFING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Attachment 1

Feedback from Consultation Meetings Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget

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Public Information Meeting 1

Date:	Thursday 5 May 2022
Location:	Council Chambers
Time:	3-4pm
Attendees:	2 members of the general public, 3 Elected Members, 1 staff

Торіс	Feedback Received	
Community Consultation	 Questions were asked regarding the extent of Public Consultation and the number of responses received in prior financial years. 	
	 An attendee expressed the view that Council should be seeking feedback from a significantly greater proportion of rate payers before making decisions regarding rates. 	
	 An attendee also suggested Council should promote consultation on street banners. 	
Rate increase in line with CPI	• An attendee expressed the view the rate increase should be minimised and not increased beyond 3.0% given significant cost of living pressures on households.	
Property Valuations	• The impact of property valuations was raised, with an explanation provided, outlining that the rate in the dollar is adjusted to ensure the additional income from general rates is in line with the proposed average increase.	
Climate Change	An attendee queried the proposed budget of \$20K for an evaluation electronic vehicle.	
	• The same attendee queried how Council was going to become Carbon Neutral by December 2023. They expressed the view that the purchase of the carbon offsets was a cop-out and Council should be taking action to reduce its emissions.	

Public Information Meeting 2

Date:	Tuesday 10 May 2022
Location:	Online via Zoom
Time:	5-6pm
Attendees:	1 members of the general public, 2 Elected Members, 1 staff

There were not questions or feedback provided, so the meeting was closed at 5:20pm.

Public Information Meeting 3

Date:	Thursday 12 May 2022
Location:	Fullarton Park Community Centre
Time:	10-11pm
Attendees:	No members of the general public, 2 Elected Members, 1 staff

No members of the public attended by 10:30am, so the meeting was cancelled.

Public Information Meeting 4

Date:	Thursday 12 May 2022
Location:	Council Chambers
Time:	6-7.15pm
Attendees:	3 members of the general public, 1 Elected Members, 1 staff

Торіс	Feedback Received	
Cycling and Walking Plan (CWP)	 Questions were asked regarding the longer term planning for the CWP and approach to a connected network across the City of Unley 	
	 Feedback was provided on the consistency of the approach across the City of Unley, noting that some cycle ways were very good while others required significant development. Railway Terrace (south of Goodwood Road) and the Mike Tutur Bikeway was cited as an example. 	
	 The attendees were keen to be engaged in any future consultation and planning for the next iteration of the CWP. 	
Rate increase in line with CPI	• Two attendees advised they were supportive of a rates increase in line with CPI, with one noting that the average increase from the additional 1.7% was minimal.	
Property Valuations	• The impact of property valuations was raised, with an explanation provided, outlining the rate in the dollar is adjusted to ensure the additional income from general rates is in line with the proposed average increase.	
Carbon Neutral Projects and Environmental Initiatives	• An attendee expressed strong support for the environmental initiatives, particularly the carbon neutral projects. They advised they did not wish to see these projects reduced should savings be required to balance the budget.	
Impact on trees from the Goodwood Road overpast	• The potential impact on tree numbers from the Goodwood Road overpass project raised, with acknowledgement that it is a Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) project, and Council is liaising with DIT.	

Meeting with the Living Young Reference Group (LYRG) and Active Ageing Alliance (AAA)

Date:	Wednesday 11 May 2022
Location:	Council Chambers
Time:	5-6:15pm
Attendees:	4 members from the LYRG, 3 members from the AAA, 3
	Elected Members, 1 staff

Торіс	Feedback Received	
Community Events and Activities	• Questions were raised regarding the resourcing of events, the number of events per annum, and the promotion and community of the events to the community.	
	• Feedback was provided on potential improvements to the communication and promotion of the Community Events and activities within the Community Centres, with particular reference to people without access to the internet.	
	 It was noted that the Community Centres Annual Program provides a list of the activities within the Community Centres. 	
Rate increase in line with CPI	• Attendees noted the good diversity and quality of services provided by the City of Unley and expressed the view that they would prefer to see rates increase than have services cut.	
Property Valuations	• The impact of property valuations was raised, with an explanation provided, outlining that the rate in the dollar is adjusted to ensure the additional income from general rates is in line with the proposed average increase.	
Climate Change Initiatives	• Clarification was sought regarding the climate change initiatives and the process to become carbon Neutral by December 2023.	
Cycling and Walking Plan and Environmental Initiatives	• Attendees expressed the view that they did not wish to see any reduction in the amounts allocated for the CWP and environmental initiatives.	

Attachment 2

Community Consultation Written Submissions Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget

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	Respondent No: 1	Responded At:	May 04, 2022 16:02:38 pm
	Login:	Last Seen:	Apr 27, 2022 08:02:02 am
	Email:	IP Address:	

not answered

Q2. Do you believe there is any area for improvement?

Transparency on the volume of carry forward projects

Q3. Do you believe new services should be provided or existing services expanded, which services would you reduce or remove?

More frequent street sweeping

Q4. Do you have any feedback regarding any of the proposed Operating Projects listed in the Draft Plan? These are annual initiatives and most are aligned to Council's various strategic outcomes. (See page 13 of the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget for a summary of the projects and programs, and pages 46-51 for the full list of projects and programs)

not answered

Q5. Are you supportive, and do you think they represent good value for money?

We'll see with the impact of materials, labour and logistics issues. Will UCC reduce the scope of project to meet the budget or compare the initial project cost v the final project cost.

Q6. Do you have any feedback regarding any of the proposed New and Renewal Capital Projects listed in the Draft Plan? New Capital projects will increase future maintenance requirements. (See pages 14-15 of the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget for a summary of the projects and programs, and pages 52-59 for the full list of projects and programs)

Where has Hammond Street gone? It was on the capital deliver program 2 years ago. Isn't on this program and hasn't been done yet. Is it a carry forward?

Q7. Do you think they are needed and represent good value for money?

We'll see with the impact of materials, labour and logistics issues. Will UCC reduce the scope of project to meet the budget or compare the initial project cost v the final project cost.

Q8. In what areas would you adjust expenditure?

not answered

Q9. In what areas would you adjust expenditure?

not answered

Q10. Would you support an average increase in general rates in line with Adelaide CPI?

Yes

Q11. If not, what services do you suggest being decreased and/ or projects be removed or postponed?

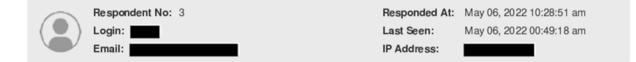
Nil. Support borrowings to support service delivery.

Q12. Council is keen to receive your comments, do you have any other suggestions or feedback regarding the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget?

Staff are your greatest asset. Retain them. Support them. Recognise and reward them.

Respondent No: 2 Login: Email:	Responded At: May 05, 2022 16:38:47 pm Last Seen: May 11, 2022 07:47:39 am IP Address: Image: Comparison of the second sec			
Q1. Do you have any feedback regarding the services Cour Business Plan and Budget for a list of services) not answered	ncil provides?(See pages 16-17 of the Draft 2022-23 Annual			
Q2. Do you believe there is any area for improvement? Open the swimming centre all year for lap swimming. Winte	 Do you believe there is any area for improvement? Open the swimming centre all year for lap swimming. Winter entry fee to be higher. Keep reduced hours as in May. 			
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While 3% isn't a huge increase given the CPI, many people are finding it difficult with inflation.

Q2. Do you believe there is any area for improvement?

More dog parks which have fencing for small and large dog areas.

Q3. Do you believe new services should be provided or existing services expanded, which services would you reduce or remove?

I would like council to street sweep more often. I would also like it to be regularly scheduled with sign posting that asks people to move cars on those weeks.

Q4. Do you have any feedback regarding any of the proposed Operating Projects listed in the Draft Plan? These are annual initiatives and most are aligned to Council's various strategic outcomes. (See page 13 of the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget for a summary of the projects and programs, and pages 46-51 for the full list of projects and programs)

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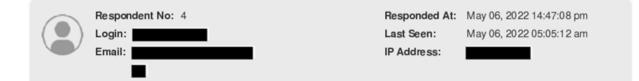
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again I ask council to rethink this as many families are doing it tough with inflation already.

Q11. If not, what services do you suggest being decreased and/ or projects be removed or postponed?

Tree planting could wait

Q12. Council is keen to receive your comments, do you have any other suggestions or feedback regarding the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget?



Yes it is associated with Environmental Management and Open Space Management.

Q2. Do you believe there is any area for improvement?

Yes Doggie Dunnie Stations.

Q3. Do you believe new services should be provided or existing services expanded, which services would you reduce or remove?

Yes the management of dog waste in Council owned areas, open and recreational spaces.

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Doggie Dunnie Stations Has there been any discussion around installing these waste bins as part of the budget? If not could you consider having a trial say on Unley and Goodwood Ovals, the Orphanage and Haywood, Page Memorial and Ridge Parks? Reference https://doggiedunnies.com.au/

Q5. Are you supportive, and do you think they represent good value for money?

Yes

Q6. Do you have any feedback regarding any of the proposed New and Renewal Capital Projects listed in the Draft Plan? New Capital projects will increase future maintenance requirements. (See pages 14-15 of the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget for a summary of the projects and programs, and pages 52-59 for the full list of projects and programs)

Appropriate. I look forward to the continued commitment to the Edmund Avenue Cottages Precinct.

Q7. Do you think they are needed and represent good value for money?

Appropriate

Q8. In what areas would you adjust expenditure?

not answered

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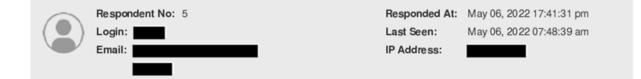
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Q11. If not, what services do you suggest being decreased and/ or projects be removed or postponed?

not answered

Q12. Council is keen to receive your comments, do you have any other suggestions or feedback regarding the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget?

What is not included in the proposed budget is a trial of Doggie Dunnie Stations. I would encourage a trial of these waste disposal bins on Unley and Goodwood Ovals, the Orphanage and Haywood, Page Memorial and Ridge Parks? Reference https://doggiedunnies.com.au/



I believe that spending \$35k on car parks is a waste. I would like to activate and enliven areas and attract more \$ to local businesses, with car parking spaces used similar to the parklet initiative. For example, cafes and resturants would be able to offer or extend outdoor seating without obstructing more of the footpath.

Q2. Do you believe there is any area for improvement?

I am glad to see \$500k allocated to greening Unley through the various initiatives. It would be good to see more spent on encouraging active transport, eg through separated infrastructure

Q3. Do you believe new services should be provided or existing services expanded, which services would you reduce or remove?

not answered

Q4. Do you have any feedback regarding any of the proposed Operating Projects listed in the Draft Plan? These are annual initiatives and most are aligned to Council's various strategic outcomes. (See page 13 of the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget for a summary of the projects and programs, and pages 46-51 for the full list of projects and programs)

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Q5. Are you supportive, and do you think they represent good value for money?

\$35k for car parking isn't good value for money in my opinion. Encouraging people to visit a particular precinct by walking, cycling or scootering would give a higher ROI.

Q6. Do you have any feedback regarding any of the proposed New and Renewal Capital Projects listed in the Draft Plan? New Capital projects will increase future maintenance requirements. (See pages 14-15 of the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget for a summary of the projects and programs, and pages 52-59 for the full list of projects and programs)

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Q9. In what areas would you adjust expenditure?

not answered

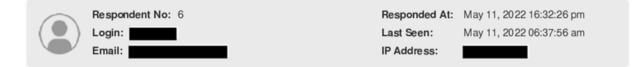
Q10. Would you support an average increase in general rates in line with Adelaide CPI?

Yes

Q11. If not, what services do you suggest being decreased and/ or projects be removed or postponed?

not answered

Q12. Council is keen to receive your comments, do you have any other suggestions or feedback regarding the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget?



not answered

Q2. Do you believe there is any area for improvement?

Re the bike Infrastructure. There is a big difference from bike-ability in the Hyde Park side to Parkside of Unley council. Parkside feels dangerous at a cyclist with speeding car cutting through the suburb with almost no infrastructure- compared to Hyde Park has e.g speed bumps help cyclists and slow cars

Q3. Do you believe new services should be provided or existing services expanded, which services would you reduce or remove?

My experience is that the council he's focused on older people or families with kids... there is very little focus on young people

Q4. Do you have any feedback regarding any of the proposed Operating Projects listed in the Draft Plan? These are annual initiatives and most are aligned to Council's various strategic outcomes. (See page 13 of the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget for a summary of the projects and programs, and pages 46-51 for the full list of projects and programs)

More art / music support

Q5. Are you supportive, and do you think they represent good value for money?

not answered

Q6. Do you have any feedback regarding any of the proposed New and Renewal Capital Projects listed in the Draft Plan? New Capital projects will increase future maintenance requirements. (See pages 14-15 of the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget for a summary of the projects and programs, and pages 52-59 for the full list of projects and programs)

not answered

Q7. Do you think they are needed and represent good value for money?

not answered

Q8. In what areas would you adjust expenditure?

not answered

Q9. In what areas would you adjust expenditure?

not answered

Q10. Would you support an average increase in general rates in line with Adelaide CPI?

Yes

Q11. If not, what services do you suggest being decreased and/ or projects be removed or postponed?

not answered

Q12. Council is keen to receive your comments, do you have any other suggestions or feedback regarding the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget?

It would be useful to have a map of the budget. Ie how is the money spent across the council area. Feels like 80% of the Money is used in 5% of the area of the council area (ie from unley rd to Goodwood rd) It would also be great if you could publish the summaries from the community suggestions with responses from the council

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not answered

Q2. Do you believe there is any area for improvement?

not answered

Q3. Do you believe new services should be provided or existing services expanded, which services would you reduce or remove?

Although when I bought into the City of Unley I thought I'd walk the whole area (living on Frederick St Clarence Park) in fact I almost never go to KW Rd or Unley Rd. It would be fantastic to have a Council supported public transport option - eg one or two small solar busses as are partly used for the Connector route in City/North Adelaide - that goes around the City of Unley constantly in the same sort of way as the Connector, going West to East.

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not answered

Q5. Are you supportive, and do you think they represent good value for money?

I think the Unley Council does a great job and shouldn't have to feel defensive!

Q6. Do you have any feedback regarding any of the proposed New and Renewal Capital Projects listed in the Draft Plan? New Capital projects will increase future maintenance requirements. (See pages 14-15 of the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget for a summary of the projects and programs, and pages 52-59 for the full list of projects and programs)

I think that much more capital/infrastructure should be put into preserving water so that much less is lost to street drains.

Q7. Do you think they are needed and represent good value for money?

not answered

Q8. In what areas would you adjust expenditure?

not answered

Q9. In what areas would you adjust expenditure?

not answered

Q10. Would you support an average increase in general rates in line with Adelaide CPI?

Yes.

Q11. If not, what services do you suggest being decreased and/ or projects be removed or postponed?

not answered

Q12. Council is keen to receive your comments, do you have any other suggestions or feedback regarding the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget?

I mentioned preserving water that is currently going down the street drains. I think that it would be fantastic if Council had a plan for the City becoming water independent. We are all waiting for the next drought forcing us to stop watering the very trees that we are being encouraged to plant at the moment. Not watering trees is a disastrous strategy and was only 'necessary' in the years leading up to 2010 because it had not been planned for. Not planning for drought in Adelaide is as stupid as Lismore not planning for floods.

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Q1. Do you have any feedback regarding the service's Council provides?(See pages 16-17 of the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget for a list of services) not answered			
Q2. Do you believe there is any area for improvement? not answered			
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Q12. Council is keen to receive your comments, do you have any other suggestions or feedback regarding the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget?

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	Do you believe there is any area for improvement?				
	B. Do you believe new services should be provided or existing services expanded, which services would you reduce or remove? SASMEE Park in Millswood is a park operated entirely by volunteers and is entirely self funded. The Council owns the land and all the buildings belong to SASMEE. While the maintenance of the buildings is managed and paid for by the club, help in maintaining the grounds, particularly the lawn areas used by the public, would be greatly appreciated. If any help by way of advice and maintenance services, please contact				
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Q9. In what areas would you adjust expenditure?

not answered

Q10. Would you support an average increase in general rates in line with Adelaide CPI?

Q11. If not, what services do you suggest being decreased and/ or projects be removed or postponed?

not answered

Q12. Council is keen to receive your comments, do you have any other suggestions or feedback regarding the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget?

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No

Q2. Do you believe there is any area for improvement?

The Council could increase its activities in environmental education covering active transport, waste reduction and recycling, environmental sustainability and climate mitigation and adaptation including building design, energy management and tree canopy maintenance.

Q3. Do you believe new services should be provided or existing services expanded, which services would you reduce or remove?

I would support a modest increase in rates to provide these additional services given that we need to prepare our community for emissions mitigation and climate adaptation.

Q4. Do you have any feedback regarding any of the proposed Operating Projects listed in the Draft Plan? These are annual initiatives and most are aligned to Council's various strategic outcomes. (See page 13 of the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget for a summary of the projects and programs, and pages 46-51 for the full list of projects and programs)

Overall they provide an appropriate mix of environmental, cultural and community projects.

Q5. Are you supportive, and do you think they represent good value for money?

In most instances yes but not the \$25,000 on Christmas decorations for the library and Town Hall. I would rather see a smaller amount of money be used to purchase materials for school students to make decorations that represent what they see as important at Christmas time. Is \$55,000 for the TDU stage value for money? Is there a return to the local business community on this investment? Its a large amount of money compared to other community events and projects. If this event does not go ahead some of this money could be spent on an alternative cycling event that encourages Unley residents to experience safe cycling in Unley and surrounds.

Q6. Do you have any feedback regarding any of the proposed New and Renewal Capital Projects listed in the Draft Plan? New Capital projects will increase future maintenance requirements. (See pages 14-15 of the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget for a summary of the projects and programs, and pages 52-59 for the full list of projects and programs)

I value the money Council continues to invest in implementing its Cycling and Walking Plan. I also strongly support implementation of the the Council's Climate and Energy Plan.

Q7. Do you think they are needed and represent good value for money?

I make the general comment that we spend a lot of money installing carbon intensive hard surfaces throughout Unley. I would like to see more work done exploring designs to roads and paths that better encourage active transport and improve the amenity of our suburban streets rather than rapid transit for cars.

Q8. In what areas would you adjust expenditure?

Q9. In what areas would you adjust expenditure?

not answered

Q10. Would you support an average increase in general rates in line with Adelaide CPI?

I support an average increase in general rates in line with Adelaide CPI.

Q11. If not, what services do you suggest being decreased and/ or projects be removed or postponed?

not answered

Q12. Council is keen to receive your comments, do you have any other suggestions or feedback regarding the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget?

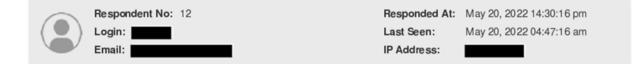
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Q5. Are you supportive, and do you think they represent good value for money? No comment					
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Q7. Do you think they are needed and represent good value for money? No comment					
Q8. In what areas would you adjust expenditure? not answered					
Q9. In what areas would you adjust expenditure? not answered					
Q10. Would you support an average increase in general rates in line with Adelaide CPI? Yes, but needs to apply to all, including Separate Rates for Main Street Trader Associations. There is no justification in document, and no apparent reason, for not applying 3% to Trader Associations for King William, Goodwood and Fullarton Roads.					

Q11. If not, what services do you suggest being decreased and/ or projects be removed or postponed?

The income from a 3% increase in rates to the 3 Main Street Trader Associations (list in 8 above) could be used to improve the streets cape of the Goodwood Road and Fullarton Road shopping strips; this is long overdue on Goodwood Road.

Q12. Council is keen to receive your comments, do you have any other suggestions or feedback regarding the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget?

No comment



For me all of these services are important - especially: Community Centres, Environmental Management, Library Services, Sustainable Landscapes, Volunteers

Q2. Do you believe there is any area for improvement?

not answered

Q3. Do you believe new services should be provided or existing services expanded, which services would you reduce or remove?

not answered

Q4. Do you have any feedback regarding any of the proposed Operating Projects listed in the Draft Plan? These are annual initiatives and most are aligned to Council's various strategic outcomes. (See page 13 of the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget for a summary of the projects and programs, and pages 46-51 for the full list of projects and programs)

The \$500K Environmental Initiatives and \$30K Cultural Mapping and Development of Reconciliation Action Plan are priorities for me.

Q5. Are you supportive, and do you think they represent good value for money?

Yes

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not answered

Q7. Do you think they are needed and represent good value for money?

Yes, especially Climate & Energy Plan, Cycling & Walking Plan, Brown Hill / Keswick Creek work

Q8. In what areas would you adjust expenditure?

not answered

Q9. In what areas would you adjust expenditure?

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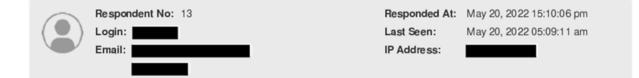
Q10. Would you support an average increase in general rates in line with Adelaide CPI?

Yes. We get good value for money. Council provides many important services & lots of infrastructure.

Q11. If not, what services do you suggest being decreased and/ or projects be removed or postponed?

Q12. Council is keen to receive your comments, do you have any other suggestions or feedback regarding the Draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget?

Good to see funding for a new full-time Sustainability Project Officer.



Too much money is spent on wages - how can the number of staff be blowing out annually? Good fiscal responsibility should occur when spending rate payers money - there is not a bottomless pit available. The office of the CEO spends more on staff than other councils - why? The overall rate increase is TOO HIGH. With increased property valuations and the rate hike expected - you are going to place considerable mortgage stress on families in the Unley area. The Council comes across as greedy by doing this, especially as interests rates WILL increase, as we all know so that excuse cannot be used. More money should be spent on assisting climate change - MORE Electric Vehicles, not just the 'trial' of one vehicle - that is glacially slow. Show initiative and put more charging stations in so ratepayers use more EVs, or encourage other suburbs to shop here and recharge at the same time. Have solar on EVERY council owned rooftop (and encourage private landowners) - to the maximum amount!! TOO MUCH MONEY ON BUSINESS SYSTEMS AND SOLUTIONS!! Must be a typo? Carbon neutral by Dec 2023? - I heard that the majority is buying carbon offsets, so this is not accurate, but a fake way of saying the Council is doing something when in fact another country is?? Not enough information on the Brown Hill Keswick creek project - devil is in the detail, so what are you hiding?

Q2. Do you believe there is any area for improvement?

Spend more money on the Brown hill Creek route where it affects property owners along the stream? Bank erosion and poplars are growing in areas where they should not be, causing log jams in heavy rains which could cause homeowners flooding. More money should be spent on assisting climate change - MORE Electric Vehicles, not just the 'trial' of one vehicle - that is glacially slow. Show initiative and put more charging stations in so ratepayers use more EVs, or encourage other suburbs to shop here and recharge at the same time. Have solar on EVERY council owned rooftop - to the maximum amount!! Increase trees on every new development - currently building boundary to boundARY WITH NO TREES?? Carbon neutral by Dec 2023? - I heard that the majority is buying carbon offsets, so this is not accurate, but a fake way of saying the Council is doing something when in fact another country is??

Q3. Do you believe new services should be provided or existing services expanded, which services would you reduce or remove?

Increase: More money should be spent on assisting climate change \$80K is not enough - MORE Electric Vehicles, not just the 'trial' of one vehicle - that is glacially slow. Show initiative and put more charging stations in so ratepayers use more EVs, or encourage other suburbs to shop here and recharge at the same time. Have solar on EVERY council owned rooftop - to the maximum amount!! The assessment of pathways for pavers lifting and invest in a footpath cleaner to remove all the dog poo that is left lying around. Concentrate on footpaths for the safety of our ageing residents. Where footpaths are destroyed by developers then the developer should pay for remediation - NOT the ratepayer. Many areas are still a mess years after building has been completed - how do they get away with this? Decrease: Money spend on Christmas decorations - really! \$25K is outrageous when mortgage stress will hit locals. Creative Busking - \$20K, No, not necessary & a waste of money ENOUGH has been spend on bikeways - don't add Cycling and walking plan together - I want a proper breakdown?? Why consultants on strategic projects (\$30k) - don't you have staff to do this work - not friends to pay. Do more for the environment - a hot election issue: Carbon neutral by Dec 2023? - I heard that the majority is buying carbon offsets, so this is not accurate, but a fake way of saying the Council is doing something when in fact another country is??

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Q5. Are you supportive, and do you think they represent good value for money?

Rethink this again

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not answered

Q7. Do you think they are needed and represent good value for money?

not answered

Q8. In what areas would you adjust expenditure?

not answered

Q9. In what areas would you adjust expenditure?

not answered

Q10. Would you support an average increase in general rates in line with Adelaide CPI?

Too much on wages - should have the expertise already Annual increases are not sustainable

Q11. If not, what services do you suggest being decreased and/ or projects be removed or postponed?

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