

Public Question Time and Submissions

Question from Jan Cossar:

To better understand community priorities from your community consultations relating to the 21/22 Budget could you please advise the total numbers for and against the proposed increases or cuts to community services and programs from all online surveys, written submissions and speakers at the Council meeting last week?

Response:

Thank you for your interest in our community engagement process surrounding the Council Plan and Budget. Our community engagement comprised of an online survey that sought feedback on the proposed service changes of the draft budget, along with inviting community submissions. Please refer to tables below for further detail:

Community Engagement

Survey Responses: 37

Community Budget Submissions: 55

Speakers at 8 June Special meeting: Approx 9

Sport Phillip and community programs Survey data

Respondents: 376

Strongly agreed or agreed with the proposed service change: 98

Disagreed or strongly disagreed with the proposed service change: 197

Neutral response to the proposed service change: 74

No response to the proposed service change: 7

Community submissions opposed to the reduction of these services 5

Rates

Total submissions received in relation to Rates increase (1.5%): 46

Submissions opposing the proposed 1.5% rate increase: 35

Submissions supporting the proposed 1.5% rate increase: 11

**At council meeting, 4 people were opposed to the rates that had not previously provided a formal submission

*** Names are not collected against the survey so we are unable to advise if any of the speakers at the meeting had participated in the survey.

Below are the links to the agenda for 8 June which includes a summary of submissions, all submissions received (redacted) and survey results. A link to the archive footage of the 8 June meeting is also provided and all 96 submissions received during the meeting can be listened to in full. Council's minutes document lists all speakers but does not reflect the content of their submission.

<https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/council-meetings/2021-meetings-and-agendas>

<https://webcast.portphillip.vic.gov.au/archive.php>

The submissions received throughout the submissions process are not categorised/totalled into the measures requested, however all submissions are readily available on our website for the public to access

**Please note: answers to any questions in Public Question Time and Councillor Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*