



8.2	DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2027 AND BUDGET 2017/18: SUBMISSIONS
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ATTACHMENTS:	1. Summary of submissions 2. Submissions to the Council Plan 2017-27 and Budget 2017/18

PURPOSE

To receive and hear public submissions on the draft Council Plan 2017-27, including the draft Budget 2017/18.

1. RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1.1 Receives the report detailing the submissions received on the draft Council Plan 2017-27, including the draft Budget 2017/18.
- 1.2 Hears from those who have requested to speak in support of their submission at the meeting on 7 June 2017.
- 1.3 Notes that further reports on the revised Council Plan and Budget will be presented at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 21 June 2017.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Local Government Act 1989 (the Act), requires Council to prepare and approve a four-year Council Plan, supported by a Strategic Resource Plan and an annual Budget, by 30 June in the year after an election, although The Minister for Local Government, the Hon Natalie Hutchins MP, has extended the adoption date for the upcoming Council Plan and Budget 2017/18 to 31 August 2017.
- 2.2 The Act requires that Council calls for submissions from the public during a 28-day statutory review period, prior to adopting the Council Plan and Budget.
- 2.3 Council released the draft Council Plan 2017-27 including the draft Budget 2017/18 and called for public submissions at an Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 19 April 2017.



3. KEY INFORMATION

- 3.1 Council must formally receive and hear from those who wish to speak to their submission before considering the submissions ahead of the adopting the Council Plan and Budget.
- 3.2 The submission period closed on Friday 19 May. Council received 117 submissions from individuals or groups.
- 3.3 Attachment 1 provides a list of all submitters and a summary of their submissions. Attachment 2 contains the full submission of each submitter.
- 3.4 Many submissions raise more than one topic. The topics raised are summarised in the table provided on the following page of this report, along with an indication of how many times the topic is raised throughout the submissions.
- 3.5 A significant number of submitters:
- raise matters relating to sustainability (including waste management, water management, flood mitigation), housing, and planning
 - seek further support for North Port Oval
 - make specific funding request
 - thank Council for its commitment to RF Julier Reserve
 - raise matters relating to transport and parking, including the walk and bike plans.
- 3.6 Each submitter has been notified that they may request to be heard in support of the written submission. By close of business Wednesday 24 May 2017, officers received one request from a submitters to speak to their submission.

Next steps

- 3.7 Officers recommend that Council receive and hear the submissions. After Council has formally received and heard submissions, officers will provide advice about matters raised by the submissions, to assist Council's consideration prior to adopting the Council Plan 2017-27 and Budget 2017/18 at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 21 June 2017.

AGENDA - ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 7 JUNE 2017



Topic (number of times raised)		
Acland Plaza (1)	Foreshore (1)	Rates (1)
Affordable housing (5)	Funding requests – multiple (11)	Retail precincts (1)
Aged services (1)	Gasworks Arts Park (2)	RF Julier Reserve (11)
Anti-social behaviour and rubbish (2)	Graffiti removal (2)	Seaside boardwalk (1)
Arts (2)	Health and wellbeing (7)	South Melbourne (1)
Asset management (2)	Heritage (1)	South Melbourne Market (1)
Audit and risk (1)	Homelessness (1)	St Kilda Junction (1)
Brookes Jetty (1)	Libraries and kindergartens (1)	St Kilda Marina (2)
Building application fees (1)	Long day care fees (4)	St Kilda projects (1)
CCTV (1)	Neighbourhoods (2)	St Kilda Road projects (1)
Children and family services (2)	Noise (1)	St Kilda Tourism and Events (1)
Community programs and facilities (5)	North Port Oval (25)	St Kilda Triangle (3)
Core responsibilities of Council (4)	Organisational performance (6)	St Kilda West projects (1)
Council Plan and Budget general (6)	Parking (2)	Stormwater (1)
Council spending (1)	Planning provisions (6)	Strategic directions (4)
Cruise ship terminal surrounds (1)	Playgrounds (1)	Street cleaning (1)
Disability services (1)	Playgroups (3)	Sustainability – multiple topics (34)
Employee information (2)	Pollution (1)	Traffic management (2)
Employment (2)	Portfolio selection (2)	Walk and bike network (6)
Engagement (2)	Pride Centre (1)	Waterfront Place (2)
Festivals and events (3)	Public spaces (1)	Wellington St laneway (1)
Fishermans Bend (2)	Public toilets (2)	
Fitzroy Street (3)	Public transport (1)	



FURTHER SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4. ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICY

- 4.1 The Council Plan 2017-27 sets out Council's vision and strategy for the full term of this Council and beyond. The draft Budget 2017/18 details the resources required over the next year to implement the first year of the strategy and deliver the significant range of services Council provides to its community.

5. CONSULTATION AND STAKEHOLDERS

- 5.1 Council started to develop the Council Plan 2017-27 and Budget 2017/18 in late 2016.
- 5.2 An extensive community engagement process was undertaken during January and February 2017. This included community surveys, pop-up conversations between Councillors and the community, targeted focus groups with hard to reach communities, stakeholder meetings, online discussion forums, and special focus groups to explore particularly significant challenges facing the City like transport, parking and managing waste.
- 5.3 Council received more than 2,000 pieces of feedback through this process and reached a further 450 people through tailored engagement for harder to reach groups, making it the most participative and successful community pre-engagement on a City of Port Phillip draft Council Plan and Budget.
- 5.4 Feedback from the community informed the draft Council Plan 2017-27 and draft Budget 2017/18.
- 5.5 Council released the draft Council Plan and Budget and called for public submissions at an Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 19 April 2017. In accordance with statutory requirements, Council provided a 28-day period for the public to review the draft Council Plan and Budget. The public review period ran from Friday 21 April 2017 to the close of business Friday 19 May 2017 and included:
- public notice in The Age and advertisement in the Port Phillip Leader
 - display of the Plan on Council's website
 - copies of the plan exhibited at the three town halls and City libraries
 - direct email notification to stakeholders on Council's database, including all participants in the engagement workshops that took place before the draft Council Plan and Budget was written
 - two public drop-in sessions, at the Port Melbourne Town Hall (Saturday 6 May 11am-2pm) and the St Kilda Town Hall (Tuesday 9 May 4 pm to 7 pm)
 - the opportunity to make written submissions, through the Have Your Say page of Council's website, via email and hard copy.

6. LEGAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Pursuant to section 223 of the Act, Council has a legislative obligation to receive and hear public submissions following the 28-day statutory review period.



7. SUSTAINABILITY – Triple Bottom Line

- 7.1 Officers will provide further advice to Councillors regarding the relevant triple bottom line implications of the matters raised by the submissions to assist Council's consideration prior to adopting the Council Plan and Budget.

8. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

TIMELINE

- 8.1 Council will consider the submissions before adopting the Council Plan 2017-27 and Budget 2017/18 at an Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 21 June 2017.

COMMUNICATION

- 8.2 Each person who has made a submission has received an acknowledgment letter. They will also receive a written response from Council thanking them for their submission and advising them of Council's decision and the reasons for the decision following the adoption of the Council Plan 2017-27 and Budget 2017/18.

9. OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST

- 9.1 No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in the matter.