

TOWN OF COTTESLOE



BUDGET WORKSHOP – TWO

MAYOR'S PARLOUR, COTTESLOE CIVIC CENTRE
109 BROOME STREET, COTTESLOE
5.00PM, WEDNESDAY, 2 JUNE 2021

Present:

- Mayor Angers
- Cr Young
- Cr Masarei
- Cr McFarlane
- Cr Sadler
- Cr Harben
- Cr Harkins
- Cr Barrett
- Mr Matthew Scott
- Mr Shaun Kan
- Ms Freya Ayliffe

1. Introduction

This is the second of potentially three scheduled workshops to consider the 2021/22 Budget. Other critical dates in the budget adoption process are as follows;

- 22 June 2021 Council Meeting – Approval for advertising of rating levels
- Budget workshop 3 (if required) – 6 July 2021
- Adoption of Budget 27 July 2021

Discussion Points:

- General discussion on downward trend of Operating Surplus Ratio and ways to resolve this;
- Impact on Rates increases and ongoing Capital works;
- Impact of resolving Asset Management issues.

2. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Attachment 1 - 2021/22 Schedule of Fees and Charges

The draft 2021/22 Schedule of Fees and Charges is attached for the consideration of Elected Members. Budgeted income from fees and charges is as follows;-

- 2019/20 - \$1,825,138
- 2020/21 - \$1,470,138
- 2021/22 - \$2,204,350

Income from fees and charges decreased in 2020/21 due mainly to the Covid pandemic. It increased in 2021/22 due to the introduction of a more efficient parking management system and increased building activity resulting in increased building and development applications.

Most fees and charges have not been increased since 2019/20 and some have decreased for example the penalty interest on outstanding rates and debtors. The draft 2021/22 Schedule of Fees and Charges is attached for the consideration of Elected Members.

Discussion Points:

- Commercial Facility Hire, request that this be reviewed in 21/22, noting that it is unlikely this would have a significant impact on net revenue;
- Waste fees under review given current subsidisation from rates;
- General agreement for the draft fees and charges to be included in budget document.

3. Community Donations

Attachment 2 - 2021/22 Donations Applications and Recommendations

Each year, Council allocates approximately \$45,000 in donations to community organisations as per Council Policy. A total of \$81,584 has been requested from 14 community groups which is both higher in number of groups requesting than last year (8) and in funds requested.

Discussion Points:

- General support for 7 requests totalling \$19,300
- 1 request referred to Building Capital Works as it relates to upgrading a Council building, totalling \$16,206.

4. Financial Reports

Attachment 3 - Rate Setting Statement, Capital Works Program, Reserve Transfers and Operating Schedules

Discussion Points:

- Whether any surplus should be transferred to reserves;
- Possible creation of a “Project Reserve” for both Capital or Operating projects;
- Proposal for a Claremont Hill Precinct Traffic Study not supported;
- Opportunity for Councillors to propose additional projects for consideration – Third Budget Workshop;
- Role of Council in designing phase of infrastructure (ie new foreshore fencing in South Cottesloe), further information to be considered;
- Review of Allocation of Administrations costs across business units, noting nil impact on net surplus/deficit.

5. Final Budget Workshop

5.00PM, Tuesday 6 July 2021.