

Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026-36

Feedback Form



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Please submit your feedback by Sunday 22 November 2026 to an Adelaide Hills Council library or customer service centre or mail to 63 Mount Barker Rd, Stirling SA 5152.

About You

01. Name **Required**

01. Your suburb, township or locality **Required**

02. Year of birth

03. Gender

Select one answer only

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Non-binary

☐ Prefer not to say

☐ Prefer to self-describe

04. Email

Your Feedback

05. Do you support the overall financial approach proposed by Council in the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)?

Select one answer only
☐ Yes, I fully support the overall financial approach.
☐ Yes, I support the overall financial approach with some changes.
☐ No, I do not support the overall financial approach.

06. Please provide more information about your response above.

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Efficiency & Sustainability Priorities

Council is investing in a range of initiatives designed to reduce costs, improve efficiency and support better decision-making over the long term.

The LTFP incorporates a range of initiatives and strategies designed to improve operational efficiency, optimise the use of Council resources, support informed investment decisions, and build organisational capability. Together, these actions provide a pathway towards a more sustainable and financially resilient future.

Some areas of focus include:

- Improving organisational efficiency and productivity.
- Leveraging technology and digital transformation to reduce operating costs and enhance service delivery.
- Optimising the use of Council accommodation.
- Reviewing service delivery models to ensure services remain appropriate, sustainable and responsive to community needs.
- Maximising value from Council resources and expenditure.

07. Do you have any feedback about Council's suggested approach as outlined above?

Rate Income and Borrowings

Council can choose to fund itself using rate income or debt / borrowings. The Draft LTFP utilises a mix of both with a strategy to increase rate funding and decrease debt funding over the life of the Plan.

Please refer to page 16 of the draft Plan to see a detailed explanation of Council's planned approach.

08. Do you have any feedback about the proposed funding strategy?

Asset Renewal & Capital Projects

The LTFP outlines how Council will improve its financial sustainability over time. To help avoid larger rate increases, Council has reduced spending, particularly on building new assets and infrastructure.

A key priority is looking after the assets and facilities we already have. By maintaining and renewing existing roads, buildings, parks and other infrastructure, while reducing spending on new assets, Council can strengthen its long-term financial position.

The Plan currently allows for the renewal or replacement of existing assets as required by the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans, in full.

The Plan includes total funding of \$9.1 million for new capital projects from Years 2 to 5. As Council's financial position improves, this funding increases to \$21.5 million between years 6 and 10.

The Plan also includes an allowance of \$5 million in year 5 for a major project, and a further \$5 million in Year 10. The need for this will be determined by Council as part of the annual business planning and budget process at that time.

09. Do you have feedback about asset renewal and capital projects?

Income Strategy

Council rates will continue to be council's main source of income, providing around 88% of the money needed to fund day-to-day operations over the life of the Plan.

This income helps council deliver essential services, maintain roads, buildings and other infrastructure, and invest in projects that benefit the community.

Council also receives grant funding. While grants are recorded as operating income when they are received, they are often used to fund major infrastructure and capital projects.

To help strengthen its financial position, council is exploring additional ways to generate income, including:

- Undertaking a comprehensive review of its asset portfolio to identify opportunities to rationalise duplicated and underutilised assets and services and assess assets that are no longer fit for purpose or required to support service delivery objectives. The review may result in the divestment, repurposing, consolidation, or reconfiguration of assets to optimise asset performance, improve service efficiency, and support Council's long term financial performance.
- Reviewing Council's leasing and licensing arrangements.
- Reviewing the services that Council applies a fee or charge, and the amount charged for that service.

10. Do you have any feedback about the Council's income strategy?

11. Would you like the opportunity to speak to your written feedback at a Council Meeting?

If you answer yes, project staff will notify you of the date of the Council Meeting where the final LTFP Council Report will be presented and provide you with information about the public presentation process.

Select one answer only	
☐ Yes please	☐ No thank you

Thank you for providing your feedback!

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