

Draft Annual Business Plan 2025-26 and Budget Feedback Form



We would like to share with our community our draft Annual Business Plan 2025-26 (ABP) and draft Long-Term Financial Plan 2026-40 (LTFP). Both of these important documents are currently open for community feedback. Do they cover what is important to you? Are we focusing on the right areas?

You can view both draft documents on our Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub website (engage.ahc.sa.gov.au) or a copy is available at each of our libraries.

Please return this form by 5pm Wednesday 11 June 2025, via one of the following ways:

- Handing in a copy into any Adelaide Hills Council Customer Service Desk (Woodside, Gumeracha or Stirling)
- Sending it back in the mail: Melissa Clarke 63 Mount Barker Road, Stirling SA 5152
- Scanning it and emailing it to engage@ahc.sa.gov.au

Draft Annual Business Plan 2025-26

1. Have you read the draft ABP 2025-26?

- ☐ Yes, I have read the document
- ☐ No, I haven't read the document

2. To what extent do you support the draft ABP 2025-26?

- ☐ I fully support the draft ABP
- ☐ I support the draft ABP with some changes
- ☐ I do not support the draft ABP

3. Can you tell us more about your answer

Our Focus for 2025/26

Page 12 of the draft Annual Business Plan explains our focus for 2025/26 and lists some highlight initiatives.

4. Please rate your level of support for the following ABP highlights. (add a tick or cross in the relevant column)

Highlights	Very supportive	Supportive	Neutral	Unsupportive	Very unsupportive
Pursuing our adopted pathway to achieving net zero corporate carbon emissions					
trialling alternative kerbside waste collection models to divert more waste from landfill					
Progressing towards financial sustainability through considered planning					
Developing a revised Biodiversity Strategy to conserve native vegetation and habitat on Council land, and protect ecological values along natural waterways					
Developing a Stormwater Management Plan					
Continuing to implement actions from the Our Watch's "Prevention Toolkit for Local Government"					
Expanding the Fabrik Arts + Heritage Hub operations following its redevelopment					
Undertaking a strategic review of all Council owned properties including Council administration accommodation					
Increasing community connections through forums					
Collaborating with Adelaide Hills Tourism to promote and support tourism across our region					
Advocating for key economic development issues in the region with other levels of government.					
Commencing the development of a housing strategy that meets community needs and balances character, growth, affordability, and the natural environment					
Increasing resilience and reliability of the Community Wastewater Management System service					
Implementing technology upgrades to the Customer Relationship Management system to enhance the customer experience through easier online services and improved communication and response times					

Cost Saving Strategies

Council has proposed a range of savings within the 2025-26 ABP and LTFP with the aim of addressing and improving the Council's financial stability. These proposed savings include:

- Delays to playground and public toilet facilities upgrade program
- Reduction in new footpath program and review of footpath priority process
- Delays to trail upgrades program, with focus on maintaining existing trails
- Removal of major event support including Santos Tour Down Under
- Limiting new initiatives linked to priorities within our Strategic Plan - Your Place Your Space

5. Would you like to provide any feedback about our cost saving measures?

6. Would you like to provide feedback on a specific project or initiative featured in the draft ABP? If yes, please include the name of the project or initiative with your feedback below.

7. Is there any other feedback or comments you would like to provide about the draft ABP?

Draft Long-Term Financial Plan 2026-40

8. Would you like to provide feedback on the draft LTFP 2026-40?

☐ Yes – continue to question 9

☐ No – skip to question 15

9. Have you read the draft LTFP 2026-40?

☐ Yes, I have read the document

☐ No, I haven't read the document

10. To what extent do you support the draft LTFP 2026-40?

☐ I fully support the draft LTFP

☐ I support the draft LTFP with some changes

☐ I do not support the draft LTFP

11. Can you tell us more about your answer

What this means for the community

On page 9 of the draft LTFP, you will find a range of proposed strategies to set us on a path to a more financially sustainable organisation.

12. Please rate your level of agreement with the following strategies proposed within the draft LTFP. (add a tick or cross in the relevant column)

<i>Strategies</i>	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
Rates - increases above inflation in initial years required to bring the council into a financially sustainable position					
Services - service levels across council are generally maintained at their current level					
Asset maintenance - maintaining the investment in existing assets and ensuring that they are maintained appropriately, whilst reducing expenditure on building new assets					
New assets - a reduction in expenditure especially around the development of new assets and infrastructure was required to avoid higher rate increases					

Long Term Capital Investments

On page 10 of the draft LTFP, you will find a list of proposed investments for building new or upgrading existing assets of almost \$10M over the first five years of the plan.

13. Please rate your level of support for the following LTFP capital investments. (add a tick or cross in the relevant column)

<i>Capital Investments</i>	<i>Very supportive</i>	<i>Supportive</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Unsupportive</i>	<i>Very unsupportive</i>
Town & Precinct Planning - develop a strategic framework to town and precinct planning					
Gumeracha Oval Irrigation - the project will improve water efficiency, reduce overwatering and associated costs, and adopt best practise in irrigation management					
Footpath Program - expanding council's network of footpaths will continue as a high priority activity					
Play Space Framework - the framework will ensure that council play space assets are adequality maintained and appropriately serviced for community use					
Toilet Refurbishment & Renewal Program - a framework which will establish the sequencing of toilet refurbishment and renewal					
Administrative Projects - ongoing energy efficiency program, Heathfield Resource Recovery Centre, Stirling Coventry Library cladding and other strategic projects					

14. Is there any other feedback or comments you would like to provide about the draft LTFP

About you

15. What is your connection to the Adelaide Hills? (choose all that apply)

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Resident

☐

Business owner

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Visitor

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Employee/work

☐

AHC staff member

☐

Student

16. Your Name _____

17. Your email _____

18. Your suburb, township or locality

19. Your age – please select your age range

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0-19

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35 – 44

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65 – 74

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20 -24

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45 – 54

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75 - 84

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25 – 34

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55 - 64

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85 and over