



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

8 MAY 2019

ADDENDUM



BUSINESS

5. REPORTS NOT YET SUBMITTED

5.1 Addendum to Hearing of submitters – proposed Annual Budget
2019-20202

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8/05/2019



Executive Summary**5.1 Addendum to Hearing of submitters – proposed Annual Budget 2019-2020**

Enquiries: (Kim Jaensch: Corporate Development)

Council Plan

Community Outcome:	4. A Well Managed City
Strategy:	4.3 Resources
Priority Action	4.3.1 Continue to maintain a financially sustainable Council by advocating for operational grant funding from other tiers of Government to deliver services required by the community, ensure funding decisions are based on Council's priorities, seek alternative revenue sources and ensure the operations of Frankston Regional Recycling and Recovery Centre are financially sustainable

wPurpose

To provide Council with one addition public submission relating to the proposed 2019-2020 Annual Budget for consideration prior to adoption of this document.

Recommendation (Director Corporate Development)

That Council hears and considers the public submissions relating to the proposed 2019-2020 Annual Budget prior to its adoption.

Key Points / Issues

- At its meeting of 8 April 2019, Council resolved to commence the statutory process to make the proposed 2019-2020 Annual Budget available for public comment.
- A public notice was placed in The Age and Frankston Standard Leader inviting public submissions and stating that Council will consider all written and verbal submissions at its Special Meeting held on 8 May 2019.
- At the time of writing this report Council has received five (5) written submissions, and two (2) have confirmed that they wish to address Council at the Hearing of Public Submissions on 8 May 2019. A copy of the submission five is attached as Supporting Information as an addendum to the Agenda. This report is an addendum to the Agenda as Submission 5 was received after the 5pm cut-off time, however has been accepted for consideration.
- The proposed/amended 2019-2020 Annual Budget will be presented to Council for adoption at its Special Meeting held on 20 May 2019.

Financial Impact

The Victorian Government introduced the "Fair Go Rates" system in 2016-2017, placing a cap on Council rates. Rate revenue constitutes 66 per cent of all Council revenue.

The rate cap over the past three financial years has been 2.5 per cent, 2.0 per cent and 2.25 per cent respectively and has been set at 2.5 per cent for 2019-2020.

The rate cap is based on the consumer price index which relates to the average increase in the prices of a range of goods and services, very few of which apply to the cost drivers of providing local government services.

Over time, with the cost of providing services increasing at a greater rate than increases in Council's major source of income, Council's capacity to continue to deliver services and fund its capital programme will be severely restricted.

5.1 Addendum to Hearing of submitters – proposed Annual Budget 2019-2020**Executive Summary****Consultation****1. External Stakeholders**

At its Special Meeting on 8 April 2019, Council resolved to advertise its proposed 2019-2020 Annual Budget seeking submissions from interested parties. A hearing of submitters meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 8 May 2019 to consider submissions and to hear from any person or organisation wishing to be heard in support of their written submission.

Proposed 2019-2020 Annual Budget

Five (5) written submissions were received with two (2) submitters requesting to be heard to support their submission in relation to the meeting held on Wednesday, 8 May, 2019. This report is an addendum to the Agenda as Submission 5 was received after the 5pm cut-off time, however has been accepted for consideration.

Proposed 2019-2020 Annual Budget	Issue	Request to be heard? (5 Minutes)
Submission 5	Ms Pippa Sampson & Mr Greg Lockwood Objection to two items allocated in the budget: 1. \$110K in the Leisure budget for design and construction of a dirt bike track at the Overport Park 2. \$35,000 for a design and construct a netball court at Overport Park	No

2. Other Stakeholders

The Executive Management Team has been consulted in the lead up to the preparation of the 2019-2020 Annual Budget. Council's Audit and Risk Committee will be provided with a copy of the documents at their next scheduled meeting.

Analysis (Environmental / Economic / Social Implications)

Economic implications in regards to this report are detailed under Section 'Financial Implications' above. The 2019-2020 Annual Budget allocates significant resources to the implementation of the Council Plans Key Community Outcomes.

The 2019-2020 Annual Budget recognises the leadership role Council has within the community to actively promote sound environmental outcomes and to facilitate other levels of government and the community to act in a similar vein.

The 2019-2020 Annual Budget contains financial resourcing for a wide range of programs that deliver important community services to the Frankston community. The 2019-2020 Annual Budget is based on the principle of maintaining services that are presently available to the community with some minor service growth to meet service demands.

5.1 Addendum to Hearing of submitters – proposed Annual Budget 2019-2020**Executive Summary****Legal / Policy / Council Plan Impact**Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

The Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities has been considered in the preparation of this report but is not relevant to the content of the report.

Legal

The proposed 2019-2020 Annual Budget is prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act* 1989 and relevant Australian Accounting Standards.

Policy Impacts

Nil.

Officer's Declaration of Interests

Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no Conflict of Interest in this matter.

Risk Mitigation

There are no direct risk implications arising from this report.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: [↓](#) Submission 5

Email from General Enquiries page

Contact Name: Ms Pippa Sampson Mr Greg Lockwood

We would like to raise our objection to two items allocated in the budget: 1. 110K in the Leisure budget for design and construction of a dirt bike track at the Overport Park- no costing or budget justification for its design and construction. As a local resident we have had NO consultation despite our being promised this last year, a complete lack of transparency when there has been no community consultation last FY. Why not? This budget item is excessive, and is not justified - it is a complete overreach by the department, no strategy or background investigation, entirely premature and presumes it can be built in this Financial Year! 2. \$35,000 for a design and construct a netball court at Overport Park with no justification when FCC has a multi \$\$ complex in the municipality. A waste of money! Please record our objections to the budget committee and call for further discussion.

Would you like a Council Officer to contact you directly to discuss this submission: Yes