

TOWN OF COTTESLOE



BUDGET WORKSHOP 2 NOTES

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1. Introduction

This is the second of three scheduled workshops to consider the 2022/23 Budget, with the final draft proposed to be presented at Council's 26 July 2022 Ordinary Meeting.

Critical dates in the budget adoption process from here are as follows;

- Budget Workshop 2 – 7 June 2022
- Advertising Differential Rates 29 June 2022
- Budget Workshop 3 (if required) – TBA Late June
- Adoption of Budget 26 July 2022

At this stage the Budget is in draft format, with Budget Workshop 1 focusing on Key Principles, Capital Works Program, Workforce Planning and Rates. This Budget Workshop 2 focuses on Fees and Charges for 2022/23, Community Group Grants and the Operating Budget

2. Intended Workshop Outcome

To confirm details of the Fees and Charges for 2022/23, Community Group Grants and the Operating Budget including Reserve Transfers.

3. Fees and Charges 2022/23

The draft 2022/23 Fees and Charges are attached. A number of the fees have risen in line with current inflationary pressures and a number have been simplified from what was a complex prior list. Some have been removed where they have been replaced by electronic provision of documents. New fees are also introduced incorporating the new FOGO waste removal service which includes subsidised disposal of medical waste. Alfresco Fees have not been changed.

Matters Raised:

- Alfresco Dining. At this stage there is no change to the current Fees and Charges. A future Report is under consideration that would see a recommendation to split Alfresco fees into categories Town Centre and Marine Parade. Fees generated from Alfresco Dining were contrasted with the fact that the Town can not raise any fees through paid parking.
- Civic Centre Hire Fees. These fees will be reviewed in 2022/23 taking into account the new Booking system in place and any possible impact on hire numbers, a new person commencing in the Events role and the transition from utilising a contract caterer to managing the bookings in house.
- Consideration was sought of introducing an under 50 or under 100 person hire fee for smaller gatherings.
- True cost of waste fees will be a matter factored in when rubbish charges are separated from rates. This is not scheduled for 2022/23.
- Fees for Parking Permits were discussed however no action recommended.

- Education Hire is used infrequently and may be reviewed in the future.
- Special Events Bond Hire (page 17) Amended to correct the number of people bands.

The Fees and Charges document will have improved presentation including a more readable Title heading, page number and colour. The document will also be reviewed seeking to simplify further and reduce the number of fees and charges, particularly where those included are not used or could be grouped together.

4. Community Group Grants

A list of the Community Group Grant requests and the recommendations for funding discussed. The rationale behind a recommended approval or refusal is provided.

Cottesloe Primary School have advised that the approximate total value of their event for which they are seeking part funding has been estimated to be \$40K. They also advise that they have approached both Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove Councils for part funding. Peppermint Grove Council have advised that they do not have discretionary funds available to support Cottesloe Primary School at present and that Mosman Park Council have not given any commitment to funding at present.

Attachment 4.1 – Community Grants 2022/23

Matters Raised:

- Cottesloe Primary School. Request to contact Town of Mosman Park and Shire of Peppermint Grove to determine if they are making any contribution to the event.
- Melanoma Institute. Request that the Institute provide the Town with their future plans as this request appears to be coming an annual operating reliance.

5. Operating Budget

The draft Budget has been developed from a number of informing documents including the Town's Corporate Business Plan, the draft Long Term Financial Plan and the current year's Budget Review. The following points are highlighted:

- Inflation in Western Australia is currently running at just over 7.6% and Councillors would be well versed in cost of living expenses such as fuel, building costs, insurance, utilities and the like. The extent of the continuation of the rise in inflation is not known and increases in a number of operating accounts reflect these higher costs.
- An increase in rates of 2% per year over and above any normal increase in rates would go some way to addressing the Town's Asset Replacement gap. Ideally these funds generated would be transferred to Reserve and called upon as assets identified require replacement. Though given the significant cost increases anticipated it is unlikely that any funds will remain to transfer to Reserve.
- EBA negotiations have not yet concluded.

- Various possible rate increases discussed.
- Significant operating projects include the Cottesloe Precinct Plan, Strategic Community Plan, Enterprise Resource Planning System (IT system replacement), Local Planning Scheme and Strategy Review and the FOGO roll out.

Matters Raised:

- Update on current EBA negotiations.
- Street Trees to remain the Budget.
- Any surplus balance to be transferred to Infrastructure Reserve.
- If required some capital projects could be funded by Reserve.