

ORDINARY MEETING

LATE ITEMS

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Council of Burwood will be held electronically on Tuesday 29 June 2021 at 6:00pm

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GENERAL MANAGER

Our Mission

**Burwood Council will create a quality lifestyle for its citizens
by promoting harmony and excellence in the delivery of its services**

AGENDA

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**FOR AN ORDINARY MEETING OF BURWOOD COUNCIL
TO BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY ON 29 JUNE 2021 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM.**

(ITEM 48/21) SUPPLEMENT TO ITEM 39/21 ON THE OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET 2021-2022

File No: 21/28548

REPORT BY GROUP MANAGER CORPORATE PLANNING & COMMUNICATIONS

Summary

Council received a submission on the final day of the public exhibition of the draft Operational Plan and Budget 2021-2022. The timing of this submission occurred after finalisation of the business paper for the ordinary meeting of Council in June 2021. It is the second of two public submissions and is now being brought to the attention of Council for consideration in conjunction with consideration of Council Report 39/21.

Operational Plan Objective

2.1 Community confidence in Council's decision making

2.1.3 Ensure transparency and accountability in decision making

Background

This submission was received after the Council Report (ITEM 39/21) Adoption of Operational Plan and Budget 2021-2022, Statement of Revenue Policy and Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2021-2022 was finalised for publication. That report indicated that any submissions received after Monday 21 June 2021 would be presented separately to the Council Meeting of 29 June 2021.

Consultation

The submission was in response to the Public Exhibition of the Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2021-2022.

Submission Received	Comment/Submission	Comment
Number 2	<p>The 2021/22 Burwood Council Budget should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds and resources for the new Sustainability Plan and all the recommendations within it Funds and resources for rooftop solar on all Council properties Funds and resources for the conversion of all street lights to LED Funds and resources for the conversion of all Council's vehicles to electric (where possible – we understand there are no utility vehicles available in Australia yet) Funds and resources to transition the Council's gardening equipment to electric (where possible – e.g. ride on mowers are available) – conventional equipment leads to noise and air pollution Funds and resources to provide EV charging facilities in all Council car parks, with provision to add more as demand increases Provide an annual detailed public report on climate action progress for net zero emissions goals Provide more funds and resources for bicycle infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For example, support Traffic Planning and 	<p>The proposed projects and actions are consistent with the aims of Council's Sustainability goals. The actions are far reaching and there needs to be proper financial modelling and responsible prioritising before the actions can be fully implemented as suggested.</p> <p>Some of the actions are currently in place or are in the process of being implemented. Others need to be considered in the context of overall community and organisational need and priorities.</p> <p>When Council's Sustainability Strategy is adopted, the actions will be planned and pursued in a</p>

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	<p>Engineering staff to attend the two-day Designing for Pedestrians and Bicycle Riders course run by Sustainable Transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commit to funding and building an LGA-wide cycle network, with safe routes to schools, so that Burwood residents do not need to use a car for day-to-day travel • Financially incentivise active transport for Council staff • End salary sacrificing for internal combustion private cars • Include salary sacrificing options for electric bicycles • Fund a cloth nappy and reusable menstrual product rebate for residents • Funds and resources for increasing the canopy cover of the LGA – which has fallen to 20.1% when the Greater Sydney area is aiming for 40% <p>I would also appreciate more transparency in where funds are being directed. For example, the Inner West Council Budget has more of a breakdown in fund allocation.</p>	<p>methodical and responsible manner.</p> <p>Staff have already completed the two-day Designing for Pedestrians and Bicycle Riders course and have utilised the principles and lessons learnt for the design of Council's existing cycleway network.</p> <p>An LGA wide cycleway has already been implemented however does not extend to all schools. This will be included in the upcoming Active Transport Plan and Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan.</p> <p>In the last two years Council has been rolling out the Mayor's 1000 Trees Program, aimed at providing additional canopy cover as well as improving the amenity of our streets. An additional 90-100 trees will be planted in Wangal Park, and at a large number of intersections and key streets, hard surfaces have been replaced with soft landscaping and planting. A rolling program of landscaping and tree planting will be continue in the coming years.</p> <p>Council will review budget breakdown methods.</p>

Conclusion

This submission was received after the Council Report (ITEM 39/21) Adoption of Operational Plan and Budget 2021-2022, Statement of Revenue Policy and Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2021-2022 was finalised for publication. It should be considered in relation to that report.

Recommendation(s)

1. That Council consider the second public submission on the Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2021-2022 in conjunction with its consideration of Council Report 39/21 *Adoption of Operational Plan and Budget 2021-2022 Statement of Revenue Policy and Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2021-2022.*

Attachments

- 1 210623 Burwood Budget

To the Burwood Council Corporate Planning and Finance Departments,

The 2021/22 Burwood Council Budget should include:

- Funds and resources for the new Sustainability Plan and all the recommendations within it
- Funds and resources for **rooftop solar** on all Council properties
- Funds and resources for the conversion of all **street lights to LED**
- Funds and resources for the conversion of all Council's **vehicles to electric** (where possible – we understand there are no utility vehicles available in Australia yet)
- Funds and resources to transition the Council's **gardening equipment to electric** (where possible – e.g. ride on mowers are available) – conventional equipment leads to noise and air pollution¹
- Funds and resources to provide **EV charging facilities in all Council car parks**, with provision to add more as demand increases
- Provide an **annual detailed public report on climate action progress** for net zero emissions goals
- Provide more funds and resources for **bicycle infrastructure**
 - For example, support Traffic Planning and Engineering staff to attend the two-day Designing for Pedestrians and Bicycle Riders course run by Sustainable Transport²
 - Commit to funding and building an LGA-wide cycle network, with safe routes to schools, so that Burwood residents do not need to use a car for day-to-day travel
- Financially incentivise **active transport for Council staff**
 - End salary sacrificing for internal combustion private cars
 - Include salary sacrificing options for electric bicycles
- Fund a **cloth nappy and reusable menstrual product rebate** for residents
- Funds and resources for increasing the canopy cover of the LGA – which has fallen to 20.1% when the Greater Sydney area is aiming for 40%³

I would also appreciate more transparency in where funds are being directed. For example, the Inner West Council Budget has more of a breakdown in fund allocation (although this could be improved further).

Yours sincerely,

¹ <https://www.zeromow.com.au>

² <http://www.sustainabletransport.com.au/training1.html>

³ <https://www.greenerspacesbetterplaces.com.au/wwwattb/burwood-council/>

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