

2027/28 Budget and 2027 Election Schedule

Elections

Council Meetings

Budget Process Council

6 October 2026	Information Briefing to discuss budget parameters - Long Term Financial Plan - key economic indicators
13 October 2026	Council Meeting
27 October 2026	Elected Member Financial Training - LGIQ
November 2026	Budget submission for 2027/28 sent to EMs – closing date 24 Dec 2026
10 November 2026	Council Meeting
17 November 2026	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting
24 November 2026	Information Briefing to discuss budget parameters - Long Term Financial Plan - key economic indicators - Major Projects
1 December 2026	Community Information Session – Standing for Council
13 December 2026	Council Meeting
24 December 2026	Budget submissions from Staff and EMs close
4 January 2027	5.00pm Voters Roll Closes
11 January 2027	Electoral Commission supply house of assembly roll data to CEOs
19 January 2027	Council Meeting
25 January 2027	Last date for voters rolls to be brought up to date
26 January 2027	Nominations Open – Caretaker Commences
2 February 2027	Briefing - Prioritised budget submissions (and those not prioritised) - budget parameters (LTFP – with or without westside jetty) - key items from operational plan - EB negotiations - CPI and proposed rate increase
9 February 2027	Council Meeting
9 February 2027	Nominations Close 12noon
10 February 2027	9.00am Ballot Paper Draw
23 February 2027	Publications of candidate profiles on internet
25 February 2027	Public notice of nominations received and notice in writing to the candidates including election conducted by postal voting and place for the counting of votes
2 March 2027	Budget Briefing - Budget modelling results / valuation movements - Amended budget submissions - EB update
9 March 2027	Council Meeting
11–17 March 2027	Ballot Papers mailed out
16 March 2027	Candidate Briefing Session
30 March 2027	Final Budget Briefing - Impacts from Operational Budgets and any final changes - Present draft budget
31 March 2027	5.00pm Last day for reissue of voting material
6 April 2027	Council Meeting – current Council
7 April 2027	5.00pm End of Council Term (Polling Day)
9 April 2027	Conclusion of uncontested elections
10 April 2027	9.00am Election Day Scrutiny and Count **Saturday**

27 April 2027	Council Meeting – New Council – Swearing in
4 May 2027	Information Briefing to present draft budget - Process undertaken with previous Council - LTFF - Enterprise Agreements - Major projects / budget submissions
5 May 2027	Campaign Donations Return Due for candidates
11 May 2027	Council Meeting
12 May 2027	LGA Local Government Summit for Elected Members – MANDATORY TRAINING - Adelaide
18 May 2027	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting – Draft Annual Business Plan & Budget to be tabled at Audit Committee
18 May 2027	Elected Member New Council Mandatory Training TBC
25 May 2026	Special Council Meeting – Adopt the Draft Annual Business Plan & Budget
1 June 2027	Elected Member New Council Mandatory Training TBC
8 June 2027	Council Meeting
8 June 2027	Community Forum/presentation to present Draft Business Plan and Budget, following Council meeting.
15 June 2027	LGA Building Local Leaders Forum – Module 2 and 3 MANDATORY TRAINING
22 June 2027	Elected Member New Council Mandatory Training TBC
29 June 2026	Special Council Meeting – All Public consultation submissions compiled and report to Council for consideration. Opportunity for members of the public make presentations. Informal Gathering to be held directly after Council Meeting to enable Council to discuss submissions and whether changes required to budget
13 July 2027	Council Meeting – Adopt (Final) Annual Business Plan and Budget. Adopt valuation & declare rates.
16-17 July 2027	Mayor Essentials – Presiding Member Training LGA (Adelaide)
10 August 2027	Council Meeting
3 September 2027	First rate instalment due
14 September 2027	Council Meeting
3 December 2027	Second rate instalment due
3 March 2028	Third rate instalment due
2 June 2028	Fourth rate instalment due