

Minutes

Of the Special Council Meeting

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Offices
62-68 Ovens Street, Wangaratta

Date: 7 May 2018

Time: 2.30pm

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1. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting. We pay our respects to their Elders and to Elders from other communities who may be here today.

2. **OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty God, we humbly ask thee to bless and guide this council in its deliberations so that we may truly preserve the welfare of the people whom we serve. Amen

3. **PRESENT**

COUNCILLORS:

MR DAVID FULLER, MR DEAN REES, MR HARRY BUSSELL, MR HARVEY BENTON, MR KEN CLARKE OAM, MR MARK CURRIE (ARRIVED AT 2.53PM), MS ASHLEE FITZPATRICK

OFFICERS:

BRENDAN MCGRATH, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER; RUTH KNEEBONE , DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES; ALAN CLARK, DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES; JAIME CARROLL , DIRECTOR COMMUNITY WELLBEING; BARRY GREEN, DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.

4. **ABSENT**

COUNCILLORS:

CR MARK CURRIE

OFFICERS:

NIL

5. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES & GRANTING OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

RECOMMENDATION:

(Moved: Councillor H Benton/Councillor D Rees)

That an apology from Cr M Currie be accepted.

Carried

Cr M Currie arrived at the meeting for item 8.1 at 2.53pm

ORDER OF BUSINESS

6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

In accordance with sections 77A, 77B, 78 and 79 of the *Local Government Act 1989* Councillors are required to disclose a '*conflict of interest*' in a decision if they would receive, or could reasonably be perceived as receiving, a direct or indirect financial or non-financial benefit or detriment (other than as a voter, resident or ratepayer) from the decision.

Disclosure must occur immediately before the matter is considered or discussed.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

OFFICERS' REPORTS**7. CORPORATE SERVICES****7.1 RATING STRATEGY 2018-2022**

Meeting Type: Special Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 7 May 2018 07 May 2018 07 May 2018 07 May 2018
Author: Manager Finance
File Name: Rating Strategy 2018-2022
File No: S17/4641

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Executive Summary

This report is presented to Council to consider the Draft 2018-2022 Rating Strategy. This strategy was created to ensure the equitable imposition of rates and charges under the *Local Government Act 1989 (the Act)*.

RESOLUTION:

(Moved: Councillor D Fuller/Councillor A Fitzpatrick)

That Council:

- 1. endorses the draft Rating Strategy 2018-2022 for public exhibition***
- 2. invites public submissions regarding the Draft Rating Strategy 2018-22 in accordance with Council's "Major Council Policy Consultation Local Law No.4 of 2015" up to close of business on Wednesday 6 June 2018***
- 3. establishes a Special Committee of Council to hear submissions on the Draft Rating Strategy Policy 2018-22 on Tuesday 12 June 2018 at 3.00pm at the Wangaratta Government Centre, to hear any person wishing to be heard in support of their submission on any proposal contained in the Draft Rating Strategy 2018-2022***
- 4. reviews and considers adopting the Draft Rating Strategy 2018-22 at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 19 June 2018, taking into consideration all submissions made.***

Carried

Background

The Draft Rating Strategy 2018-2022 (the Strategy) sets the strategic objectives and strategies that will be pursued for a four year period in accordance with the Act. The development of the Strategy was based on extensive community consultation through the Rating Strategy Reference Group that has been meeting since January 2018.

The purpose of this report is to provide an explanation of the Strategy and how it achieves fair and equitable outcomes. The Strategy is important because Council's main source of annual income is rates, representing over 50% of Council's total income for the 2018/19 year. Council's other sources of income are user fees and charges, statutory fees, grants and investment income.

The Strategy allows the community an opportunity to understand the way in which Council achieves an equitable imposition of rates. Council's previous Rating Strategy was adopted in 2014 and the Rating Strategy 2018-2022 proposes a number of changes to the current rating system.

The Fair Go Rates system was introduced in 2016 to limit the amount councils can increase rates in a year. Therefore, the ability of Council to increase its overall rates is constrained, however Council remains obliged to ensure that rates are imposed in a fair and equitable manner.

The Strategy does not extend to the setting of fees and charges for services such as fees for the provision of childcare, performing arts centre, events, community facilities and so forth. Instead, the annual budget and consultation process addresses issues regarding service level standards and the necessary fees and charges to support those services.

Further, the Rating Strategy does not extend to a review of kerbside waste charges, including general waste, recycling or organics. Council's Waste Management Strategy, together with the financial modelling performed for landfill operation and rehabilitation, supports the amount charged for kerbside waste, recycling and organics collection.

Implications

Policy Considerations

The proposed Rating Strategy identifies the decisions made by Council with respect to the equitable levying of rates amongst the limited choices made available under the Local Government Act Sections 157 to 163. It has been informed by the Ministerial Guidelines for Differential Rating 2013.

Financial/Economic Implications

The proposed Rating Strategy has considered the options available to Council to ensure that rates are levied by the most equitable means available to Council in consideration of the limitations of a tax on land ownership as provided for by the Local Government Act 1989.

The proposed Rating Strategy recommends a number of changes to the current practices which are detailed in the strategy itself.

Specific issues that have been considered include the:

1. Splitting of the Commercial & Industrial differential into two separate differential categories;
2. Reducing the rate in the dollar for Rural 1 and Rural 2 properties as a result of the draft revaluation of properties at 1 January 2018;
3. From 1 July 2019 introducing a new differential - Mixed Use; and
4. From 1 July 2019 introducing a new differential - General Vacant > Three Years.

Legal/Statutory

Under the Act, a primary objective of all Victorian Local Governments is to ensure the equitable imposition of rates and charges. (Section 3C (2)(f)). The purpose of the Draft Rating Strategy 2018-2022 is therefore to consider what rating options are available to Council under the Act and how Council's choices in applying these options contribute towards meeting an equitable rating strategy.

Social

The Draft Rating Strategy 2018-2022 considers a number of principles such as Equity, Benefit, Capacity to Pay, Simplicity & Sustainability when determining the equitable imposition of rates.

Refer to the attached Community Impact Statement (refer attachment).

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental/ sustainability impacts identified for this subject of this report.

2017 – 2021 Council Plan

This report supports the 2017-2021 Council Plan:

Goal

We are Sustainable

We will plan, research and advocate for the future:

By maintaining a responsible and transparent long term financial plan

To make sure that everything we do – from building assets to delivering events – considers the physical, social, cultural and financial needs of our community members.

Strategic Links**a) Rural City of Wangaratta 2030 Community Vision**

N/A

b) Other strategic links

N/A

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Rating Strategy adopted without community consultation	Low	High	Medium	Rating Strategy was developed by Rating Strategy Reference Group and community consultation will be undertaken over 28 days
Rating Strategy not in accordance with the Act or Ministerial Guidelines	Low	High	Medium	Better Practice Guide, Ministerial Guidelines and findings of Commission of Inquiry into Ararat Rural City Council referred to in development of draft Strategy

Consultation/Communication

We will place the Draft Rating Strategy 2018-2022 on exhibition for 28 days.

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Tools/Techniques
Inform	Rating Strategy to be publicly available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandatory S 223 of the <i>Local Government Act 1989</i> public exhibition period to be undertaken.
Consult	Rating Strategy available for public comment	
Involve	Submissions on the Rating Strategy received	
Collaborate	Hearing of submissions	
Empower	Submissions considered by Council	

The consultation schedule will also include the following public sessions:

1. Pop-up consultation at the Performing Arts Centre
 - (a) Thursday 10 May 2018, 11.30am – 2.00pm
 - (b) Thursday 17 May 2018, 8.30am – 11.00am
2. Pop-up consultation at the Glenrowan Cafe
 - (a) Saturday 12 May 2018, 9.00am – 11.00am
3. Pop-up consultation at the Springhurst Primary School
 - (a) Friday 18 May 2018, 3.00pm – 5.30pm
4. Pop-up consultation at the Moyhu Farmers Market
 - (a) Saturday 19 May 2018, 8.30am – 12 noon
5. Pop-up consultation at the Wangaratta Livestock Exchange
 - (a) Thursday 24 May 2018, 9.30am – 11.30am

Options for Consideration

Council should adopt a rating strategy every four years to ensure compliance with section 3C of the Act.

Conclusion

Council's Draft Rating Strategy 2018-2022 has been prepared in consultation with the Rating Strategy Reference Group and is now ready for endorsement by Council. Consideration of submissions by a Committee will take place on 12 June 2018, and adoption of Council's Rating Strategy 2018-2022 will take place at a Council Meeting scheduled for 19 June 2018.

Attachments

- 1 Draft Rating Strategy 2018-2022 [⇒](#)
- 2 Rating Strategy 2018-2022 Community Impact Statement [⇒](#)

7.2 PROCUREMENT POLICY REVIEW

Meeting Type: Special Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 7 May 2018
Author: Director - Corporate Services
File Name: Policies, Standards and Guidelines - Internal Policies (Council Wide) - Procurement Policy
File No: F17/129

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Executive Summary

This report is presented to Council to commence the process of seeking public feedback on the review of Council's Draft Procurement Policy (the draft policy).

RESOLUTION:

(Moved: Councillor H Benton/Councillor H Bussell)

That Council:

- 1. endorses the draft Procurement Policy 2018 for public exhibition***
- 2. invites public submissions regarding the Draft Procurement Policy 2018 in accordance with Council's "Major Council Policy Consultation Local Law No.4 of 2015" up to close of business on Wednesday 6 June 2018***
- 3. If submissions are received:***
 - a. establishes a Special Committee of Council to hear submissions on the Draft Procurement Policy 2018, if required, at a time to be determined***
 - b. reviews and considers adopting the Draft Procurement Policy 2018 at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 19 June 2018, taking into consideration all submissions made.***
- 4. If no submissions are received, adopts the Draft Procurement Policy 2018 without further resolution.***

Carried

Background

Council adopted a procurement policy in 2016 in compliance with section 186A (1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act). Section 186A (7) of the Act requires Council to review its procurement policy at least once in each

financial year, having regard to any guidelines made by the Minister with respect to form or content. Any changes arising from that review must be adopted by Council.

The current procurement policy has been formulated with regard to the Victorian Local Government Best Practice Procurement Guidelines 2013, the Municipal Association of Victoria Model Procurement Policy (Updated) August 2011 and Social Procurement: A Guide for Victorian Local Government Department of Planning and Community Development October 2010.

Council officers have reviewed the current procurement policy and have proposed amendments to the policy. The amendments have been incorporated into the draft policy (***refer attachment***).

The notable amendments to the draft policy are as follows:

1. Principles

Procurement principles have been listed and detailed commentary removed to the procurement manual.

2. Delegations and Authorities

- A table detailing thresholds for different procurement methods and approval requirements has been added.
- The requirement to use the greater threshold where the budget is within 5% of a threshold.

3. Methods of purchasing

The methods of purchasing have been simplified with detail removed to the procurement manual.

Implications

Policy Considerations

Council must review the procurement policy in this financial year ending 30 June 2018.

The guidelines have not changed since the adoption of the current procurement policy.

The proposed policy is a Major Council Policy and therefore must be subject to the consultation process set out in the Major Council Policy Consultation Local Law No. 4 of 2015.

Financial/Economic Implications

The proposed policy sets out the principles, processes and procedures that will apply to all purchases of goods, services and works made by Council. The

proposed policy aims to achieve value for money and continuous improvement in the provision of services for the community.

Legal/Statutory

Section 186A (7) of the Act requires Council to review the Policy at least once in each financial year, having regard to any guidelines made by the Minister.

Social

The draft policy contains a price preference of 10% for the purchase of goods and services with local content.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The draft policy contains a price preference of 10% for the purchase of recycled and environmentally preferable products.

2017 – 2021 Council Plan

This report supports the 2017-2021 Council Plan:

Goal

We are Sustainable

What we do every day

We consistently focus on the achievement of the operational parameters framed in the annual budget.

Through the Our Future Project ensure our workforce systems and processes are efficient and effective.

We provide a robust and transparent governance framework

We will plan, research and advocate for the future:

For the best options to deliver services in conjunction with our surrounding Council partners.

To ensure or risks are managed strategically and effectively.

The non-negotiables

Our team will make the best and most efficient user of Council's resources.

Our legislative, governance and compliance requirements will be met.

Our protection of the environment underpins our development, projects and decisions.

Strategic Links

a) Rural City of Wangaratta 2030 Community Vision

N/A

b) Other strategic links

N/A

Risk Management

The draft policy aims to achieve high standards of probity, transparency, accountability and risk management.

Consultation/Communication

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Tools/Techniques
Inform	Community	Website Public notice in local newspaper
Consult	Audit Advisory Committee	Request advice Request submissions
Involve		Consider submissions

The proposed policy is a Major Council Policy and is subject to the provisions of the Major Council Policy Consultation Local Law No. 4 of 2015 which requires a public exhibition and submission process to be undertaken. This process is planned to commence with Council endorsement at the Special Council Meeting on 7 May 2018 and conclude with adoption of the reviewed procurement policy at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 19 June 2018.

A public notice will be published in the Wangaratta Chronicle on Friday 11 May 2018 explaining the submission process. Submissions will be received up to close of business on Friday 8 June 2018.

In their written submission, a person may also request to be heard by a Committee of Council in support of their submission, prior to Council considering the proposal. A Special Committee of Council will be established to hear submissions on the proposed policy, if required, at a time to be determined.

The Audit Advisory Committee is required by its charter, to consider procurement practices and provide advice to Council on better practice. The committee will be requested to consider the draft policy and offer any recommendations for Council to consider at its meeting on 5 June 2018.

Options for Consideration

The review is required by the Act and the process is governed by the Major Council Policy Consultation Local Law. There are no compliant alternatives to the process outlined above.

Conclusion

The review process ensures compliance with the requirements of Section 186A (7) of the Act which requires a review of the procurement policy in each financial year.

Officers believe the Draft Procurement Policy is now ready to be put out for public exhibition.

Attachments

- 1 Revised Procurement Policy draft May 2018 [⇒](#)
- 2 Revised Procurement Policy Community Impact Statement [⇒](#)

Question

Brian Fox, Wangaratta: Could more effort be put in to displaying items that are on public exhibition?

Brendan McGrath, Chief Executive Officer: The usual undertaking to items on public exhibition would be to have them available in our customer service area depending on the nature of whatever is being exhibited and how wide spread the interest is we might do other things like put them in other locations, we might do some pop-up/information sessions for people to attend. So it is dependent on what the issue itself is and how widespread the interest is likely to be.

7.3 DRAFT BUDGET 2018/2019

Meeting Type: Special Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 7 May 2018
Author: Manager Finance
File Name: Financial Management Budgeting 2018/19
File No: F17/940

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Executive Summary

This report presents to Council the Draft Budget for the financial year ending 30 June 2019. It is proposed that public notice be given inviting submissions on any proposal contained in the Draft Budget 2018/19 (the Budget).

The *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) requires Council to give public notice of the preparation of the budget and a person has a right to make a submission on any proposal contained in the budget. Submissions will be received until 6 June 2018 at 5.00pm.

RESOLUTION:

(Moved: Councillor H Bussell/Councillor D Fuller)

That Council:

- 1. *endorses the Draft Budget 2018/2019 for public exhibition***
- 2. *authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:***
 - a. give public notice of the preparation of the Draft Budget 2018/19 in accordance with section 129 of the Local Government Act 1989***
 - b. stipulate in the public notice that persons may make a submission on the Draft Budget 2018/19 in accordance with section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 and that written submissions must be received by Wednesday 6 June 2018 at 5.00pm***
 - c. undertake the administrative procedures necessary to enable the Council to carry out its functions under section 223 of the Act in relation to this matter***
- 3. *forms a committee comprising of the Council in accordance with section 223 of the Act to hold a meeting on Tuesday 12 June 2018 at 3.00pm at the Wangaratta Government Centre, to hear any person wishing to be heard in support of their submission on any proposal contained in the Draft Budget 2018/19***

- 4. consider all written submissions on any proposal contained within, and adopts the Draft Budget 2018/19 with or without amendment, at a meeting to be held on Tuesday 19 June 2018 at 6.00pm**

Carried

Background

The Draft 2018/19 Budget for the Rural City of Wangaratta has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Act and relates to the financial year commencing on 1 July 2018.

The budget preparation process commenced in November 2017 and involved the preparation of operational and capital budgets by Council officers. Councillors have contributed to the development of the budget and worked through a rigorous process with Council officers, including four Councillor Budget briefings.

The Budget has been prepared to make the best use of Council resources whilst taking a conservative approach to future income and expenditure streams having regard to Council's Long Term Financial Plan and sustainability.

The Budget contains an Income Statement surplus of \$3.7 million and capital works budget of \$34 million.

We will increase rates by 2.25 per cent in the 2018/19 financial year in accordance with our adopted Strategic Resource Plan. This budget will maintain existing service levels, fund a small number of new initiatives and continue to allocate significant funds to renew our infrastructure.

The Draft 2018/19 Schedule of Fees and Charges is included as Appendix A. It is budgeted that the adopted fees and charges will raise \$9.1995 million during the 2018/19 financial year.

The Budget provides for a \$34 million capital works program. Incorporated in the capital works program is \$11.3 million for renewal works and \$19.7 million for new works. Funding sources for the capital works program include \$19.3 million from Council operations, cash reserves and investments and \$4.8 million from external grants and cash contributions. Borrowings of almost \$10 million are proposed in the Draft 2018/19 Budget to fund construction of the Aquatic development at WISAC, Wangaratta CBD masterplan improvements and infrastructure needs for the North West growth corridor. Refer to Section 4.5 of the Draft Budget 2018/19 for further information.

Implications

Policy Considerations

The Draft 2018/19 Budget has been prepared on the following bases:

1. Ensuring that key strategies, such as the CBD Masterplan – The Wangaratta Project, environmental sustainability, footpath, economic development, transport, waste management and recreation, etc., are responded to.
2. Maintaining waste management, the Wangaratta Public Cemetery, the Wangaratta Children’s Services Centre, the Wangaratta Livestock Selling Complex, the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre, Wangaratta Library, Wangaratta aquatic facilities, Community Support North East and plant & fleet services as stand-alone operations.
3. Providing for property and plant purchases on a self-funding basis through asset sales and the use of reserve funds.

Financial/Economic Implications

The following aspects of the Budget are required to be disclosed:

1. the estimated total amount to be raised by general rates is \$26.023 million
2. the estimated total amount to be raised by a municipal charge is Nil
3. the estimated total amount to be raised by waste collection charges (general, recycling and organics) is \$5.626 million
4. that an amount of \$9.885 million be borrowed to support the Aquatics Plan, CBD Masterplan implementation projects and North West growth corridor infrastructure needs
5. the cost of servicing borrowings during the financial year will be \$370,000, increasing to \$732,000 in 2019/20
6. the total amount of loans proposed to the redeemed during the financial year will be \$552,000
7. the total amount of borrowings at 30 June 2018 will be \$18.069 million.

Detailed information on all aspects of the Draft 2018/19 Budget are contained in the Draft 17/18 Budget Report annexed to this report (**refer attachment**).

Legal/Statutory

In accordance with section 127 of the Act, Council must prepare a budget for each financial year.

Social

The Draft 2018/19 Budget contains a number of programs and on-going services that enhance and support the social fabric of Council’s community. Such initiatives include Council support of the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre, the

Wangaratta Gallery, Library services, HACC and Packaged Care programs, community facility maintenance and children's services.

Some of the social projects recommended for the 2018/19 financial year are:

1. Rural Community Planning - \$627,000
2. Glenrowan Recreation Reserve projects - \$511,000
3. Barr Two Oval lighting and drainage improvements - \$926,000
4. Christmas decorations for Wangaratta CBD - \$272,000
5. Milawa netball court reconstruction - \$160,000
6. Development of Residential Lifestyle Land Use Study - \$60,000
7. Brand Wangaratta and business and attraction & investment programs - \$450,000
8. Implementation of Event Strategy - \$75,000

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The Draft 2018/19 Budget contains a number of programs and initiatives that support and protect the environment. Some of the projects that support environmental and sustainability outcomes include:

1. Development of the Wangaratta flood mitigation strategy required for areas protected by existing levee banks, and complete survey and design of all required works to implement flood mitigation measures - \$100,000
2. Completion of development and expansion of organics processing facility - \$2.5 million
3. Improvements to the waste sorting capabilities at the Bowser landfill - \$260,000
4. Continued delivery of the roadside weed management program, land management weed control and other natural resource management programs - \$177,000
5. Tree renewal and planning of new trees across the municipality - \$80,000

2017 – 2021 Council Plan

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Strategic Links

a) Rural City of Wangaratta 2030 Community Vision

N/A

b) Other strategic links

N/A

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Budget not adopted within statutory timeframes	Low	High	Medium	Ensure proposed timetable for adoption is adhered to.
Budget adopted without consideration of Long Term Financial implications	Low	High	Medium	Ensure completion of Council's Long Term Financial Plan as part of budgetary process
Budget adopted without consideration of ratepayer input	Low	High	Medium	Undertake community consultation

Consultation/Communication

We will place the Draft 2018/19 Budget on exhibition for 28 days.

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Tools/Techniques
Inform	Budget Document to be publicly available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandatory S 223 of the <i>Local Government Act 1989</i> public exhibition period to be undertaken.
Consult	Budget Document available for public comment	
Involve	Submissions on the budget received	
Collaborate	Hearing of submissions	
Empower	Submissions considered by Council	

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Options for Consideration

Council must prepare a Budget for the 2018/19 financial year in order to comply with the Act.

Conclusion

Council's Draft 2018/19 Budget has been prepared by Council officers and is now ready for endorsement by Council. Consideration of submissions by a Committee will take place on 12 June 2018, and adoption of Council's Budget for the 2018/19 financial year will take place at a Council Meeting scheduled for 19 June 2018.

Attachments

- 1 Draft Budget 2018-19 [⇒](#)

Question

Robert Morton, Milawa: What funds have been allocated to the completion of amendment C68 Part 2 as distinct from the project referred to as the Residential and Lifestyle Land Use Study referred to me by the Planning department?

Ruth Kneebone, Director Corporate Services: It would be included in the general allocations for strategic planning amendments within the budget. You wouldn't see a separate line item for that amendment, we have a number of amendments that occur during any particular year and we make a global budget allocation towards those amendments.

8. COMMUNITY WELLBEING

8.1 DRAFT 2017 - 2021 COUNCIL PLAN REVISION - 2018

Meeting Type: Special Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 7 May 2018
Author: Executive Assistant Community Wellbeing
File Name: 2017 - 2021 COUNCIL PLAN REVISION 2018
File No: S18/1889

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Executive Summary

This report is presented to Council to consider endorsing the Draft 2017-2021 Council Plan – Revision 2018.

RESOLUTION:

(Moved: Councillor M Currie/Councillor A Fitzpatrick)

That Council:

- 1. endorses the Draft 2017 - 2021 Council Plan Revision - 2018 attached to this report***
- 2. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:***
 - (a) give public notice of the preparation of the Draft 2017 - 2021 Council Plan Revision, in accordance with section 125 of the Local Government Act 1989, inviting the public to make a submission on:***
 - i. the strategic objectives of Council***
 - ii. strategies for achieving the objectives for at least the next four years***
 - iii. strategic indicators for monitoring the achievement of the objectives***
 - (b) receive submissions up to 5pm Wednesday 6, June 2018.***
- 3. forms a committee comprising of the Council in accordance with section 223 of the Act on Tuesday 12, June 2018 at the Wangaratta Government Centre, to hear any person wishing to be heard in support of their submission***
- 4. considers all submissions on the Draft 2017 - 2021 Council Plan Revision – 2018 and the adoption of the Draft 2017 - 2021 Council Plan Revision - 2018 with or without amendment at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 19 June 2018 at 6.00pm.***

Carried

Background

Sections 125 and 126 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) require that Council must annually review its Council Plan and Strategic Resource Plan and adopt them not later than 30 June each year. If Council makes an adjustment to the Council Plan, the Council must advise the Minister of the details of the adjustments within 30 days.

Implications

Policy Considerations

The Council Plan is the highest level strategic document. The direction of the plan may impact many policies and strategies within Council.

Financial/Economic Implications

The Strategic Resource Plan will be updated pending Council endorsement to reflect proposed changes to the Draft Budget 2018/19. The approval of the budget details how Council will fund the strategic intent of the Council Plan.

Legal/Statutory

The review of the draft Council Plan 2017 – 2021 Revision – 2018 is a legislative requirement of Council and public submissions are consistent with sections 125, 126 and 223 of the Local Government Act.

Social

The objectives and strategies contained in the revised 2017 - 2021 Council Plan will contribute to the overall health and social wellbeing of our community. Positive social outcomes will be achieved by the delivery of key initiatives and Councils' ongoing advocacy and partnerships that focus on delivering benefits and opportunities for residents and visitors of the municipality.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The objectives and strategies contained in the 2017 – 2021 Council Plan Review – 2018 will contribute to the enhancement and sustainability of the environment. The Council Plan has a strong focus on environmental sustainability and protection.

Strategic Links

a) Rural City of Wangaratta 2030 Community Vision

The objectives and strategies contained in the 2017 - 2021 Council Plan Revision – 2018 consider and are guided by the objectives identified in the Rural City of Wangaratta 2030 Community Vision.

Consultation/Communication

It is anticipated that following the endorsement of the 2017-2021 Council Plan Revision - 2018 at the Special Council meeting on 07 May 2018, the document will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days to invite submissions from the community.

The proposed timeline is as follows:

Monday May 7th – special Council meeting to endorse draft

Tuesday May 8th – documents available for public review

Wednesday June 6th – review period closes

Monday June 11th – Submissions heard at briefing (if any)

Friday June 15th – agenda including full final Council Plan and budget available

Tuesday June 19th – Council meeting to adopt

Consultation is proposed as following:

Pop-up consultation between Intermezzo and Gallery

- Thursday May 10th at 11.30am – 2.00pm. Peppa Pig show will be finishing at 12noon.
- Thursday May 17th at 8.30am – 11.00am. Women in Leadership breakfast will be finishing at 9.00am.

Pop-up consultation at Springhurst Primary School:

- Friday May 18th at 3.00pm – 5.30pm.

Pop-up consultation at Moyhu Farmers Market:

- Saturday May 19th at 8.30am – 12noon

Pop-up consultation at Glenrowan Café:

- Saturday May 12th at 9.00am – 11.00am

Pop-up consultation at Wangaratta Saleyards:

Thursday 24th May at 9.30am – 11.30am

Presentation to Business Wangaratta in Wangaratta Government Centre Foyer

Wednesday 6th June at 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Options for Consideration

1. Adopt the draft 2017 – 2021 Council Plan Revision in full as attached to the report – with the changes following the submission process included
2. Adopt the 2017 – 2021 Council Plan without the submission changes.

Conclusion

The 2017 - 2021 Council Plan Revision -0218 was developed with direct input from senior council officers and Councillors. It will be revised each year to reflect the community aspirations and will continue to guide the future strategic direction of Council, informing our service delivery, resource allocation and advocacy.

Council will continue to report back to the community regarding the progression of priorities and the achievement of targets.

Attachments

- 1 2017 - 2021 DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN (REVISION) 2018 [⇨](#)

Question

Robert Morton, Milawa: At the public hearing of amendment C68 in August last year the Council agreed with the Chairman of the panel that they should prioritise part 2 of C68. Could you tell me where in the revised Council Plan is the commitment to this completion of this half-finished project?

Brendan McGrath, Chief Executive Officer: I doubt there is specific reference to that specific planning scheme amendment as we do not typically list all the planning scheme amendments projects within the Council Plan. Similarly to the answer earlier, in relation to the budget, we have a team of people who work on strategic planning projects that is supplemented from time-to-time by external consultants and contractors. The Council Plan tends to be a higher level document.

Robert Morton , Milawa: I am asking where is the Commitment to C68 Part 2?

Mayor Ken Clarke: I can't tell you where the commitment is but I believe this is what the public exhibition is all about. That you will be able to put in a submission requesting that answer. It will be considered as a submission to the revised Council Plan.

9. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 3.01pm.