

Management report to Council

**Agenda item
3.1**

Review of the Council Plan 2017–2021

**Special
Council**

Presenter: Keith Williamson, General Manager Governance and Organisational Development **19 May 2020**

Purpose and background

1. The purpose of this report is to propose to the Council that no adjustments be made to the Council Plan 2017–2021 (Council Plan) as the result of this year’s review.
2. The *Local Government Act 1989* requires the Council, at least once each financial year, to ‘consider whether the current Council Plan requires any adjustment in respect of the remaining period of the Council Plan.’ For the purposes of this financial year, this requirement is unaffected by the commencement of the new *Local Government Act 2020*.

Key issues

3. No potential adjustments were identified for the Council Plan through this year’s annual planning process.
4. While the COVID-19 pandemic means the Council will need to reconsider its priorities, it is considered the current Council Plan is sufficiently broad and flexible so as not to require any formal changes.
5. The administration recommends no changes to the Council Plan this year.

Recommendation from management

6. That Council:
 - 6.1. Notes the review of the Council Plan 2017–2021.
 - 6.2. Notes that no changes are proposed.

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Legal

1. Section 125(7) of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires that the Council consider at least once every financial year whether the Council Plan requires any adjustment.
2. Where an adjustment is proposed to the Council Plan objectives (four-year outcomes), strategies for achieving its objectives (four-year priorities) or indicators for monitoring their achievement:
 - 2.1. a person may make a submission on the proposed adjustment within a period not less than 28 days after notice of the same
 - 2.2. the Minister must be advised of any final adjustment within 30 days of the decision.
3. As no adjustment is recommended, the process described in the previous paragraph does not apply.

Finance

4. There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

Conflict of interest

5. No member of Council staff, or other person engaged under a contract, involved in advising on or preparing this report has declared a direct or indirect interest in relation to the matter of the report.

Health and Safety

6. In developing this proposal, no Health and Safety issues or opportunities have been identified.

Stakeholder consultation

7. Other than Councillors, no stakeholder consultation is required.

Environmental sustainability

8. The review of the Council Plan is a requirement under the *Local Government Act 1989* and no environmental sustainability issues or opportunities arise from the report.