

1 CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AND COUNCIL PLAN SUBMISSIONS

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RECOMMENDATION

1. Council receive and note the submissions received in response to the public advertisement of the Proposed Budget 2018-19 and Amended Council Plan; and
2. The submissions be considered by the Council at its meeting to be held on Monday 21 May, following which all submitters be advised in writing of the outcome of their submission and the reasons the decision has been taken.

Attachments

- 1 Summary of table of submissions, circulated to councillors only
- 2 Copies of written submissions, circulated to councillors only

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the closing date for the lodgement of submissions on the Proposed Budget 2018-19 and Amended Council Plan, 7 submissions had been received. In addition 2 petitions were received and will be considered as part of the budget process.

Details of submissions received are included in the table attached.

BACKGROUND

At the Special Council Meeting held on Monday 26 March 2018, Council resolved to release the Proposed Budget 2018-19 and Amended Council Plan for public comment in accordance with legislative requirements of the Act. Public notice was given advising of the required statutory details regarding the Budget and Council Plan submissions to be received by 5.00 pm on Wednesday 25 April 2018.

The Proposed Budget 2018-19 and Amended Council Plan have been on public display at the Council offices, libraries, and on the Council website.

A Special Council meeting will be held at Council Offices on Monday 7th May following the council planning meeting to hear the submissions. Following this meeting Council will consider the adoption of the Proposed Budget 2018-19 and Amended Council Plan, with or without amendments, at a Special Council Meeting to be held on Monday 21 May 2018, this meeting will follow the standard council meeting agenda to be held at the Council Chambers, Siding Avenue, Officer.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council is required under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 to hear those persons who have lodged submissions and have requested to be heard in support of their submission.

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL PLAN

Long-term financial sustainability (Section 5.3)

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

The Proposed Budget 2018-19 and Amended Council Plan have been made available at the Pakenham, Emerald, and mobile libraries, Council offices, and on the Council website as part of the statutory consultation process.

Community information sessions were held at the Pakenham Library, Gembrook Community Centre and Koo Wee Rup Community Centre during April 2018. Although not overly attended, these sessions provided the opportunity for the community to engage with Senior Management of Council. A number of issues were discussed at these forums. The main items are listed below.

1. Council infrastructure, in particular roads, was highlighted as an area that needs to be adequately resourced.
2. Sporting infrastructure - the issues around a second oval needed for Koo Wee Rup and the extension of the community centre were discussed.
3. Council's financial sustainability was discussed and residents expressed a desire for Council to be as prudent as possible with public funds and ensure that value for money was been received for works completed.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Any changes to income or expenditure would require corrections to be made to the Proposed Budget 2018-19 document.

CONCLUSION

Council is required to hear those persons who have wished to speak in support of their submission lodged in regard to the Proposed Budget 2018-19 and Amended Council Plan. A Special Council meeting will be held at Council Offices on Monday 7th May following the council planning meeting.