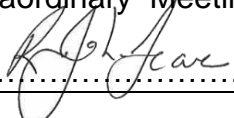


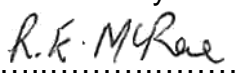
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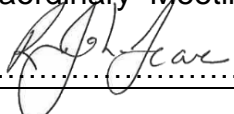
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ITEMS FOR DECISION

ITEM NO. 1 - DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM (2020-2024) AND OPERATIONAL PLAN (2020-2021)

Council Meeting:	10 June 2020
Report Date:	3 June 2020
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC241
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Murrumbidgee Council draft Delivery Program (2020-2024) and Operational Plan (2020-2021), as required by the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, are presented for endorsement and exhibition.

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Murrumbidgee Council draft Delivery Program (2020-2024) and Operational Plan (2020-2021) be endorsed;
2. The Murrumbidgee Council draft Delivery Program (2020-2024) and Operational Plan (2020-2021) be placed on public exhibition for the period 11 June to 8 July 2020; and
3. An Extraordinary Meeting of Council be held on 14 July 2020 to adopt the Murrumbidgee Council draft Delivery Program (2020-2024) and Operational Plan (2020-2021) following consideration of submissions from the public.

BACKGROUND

Councillors and staff have undertaken various workshops in order to provide input and future provisioning for the draft budget.

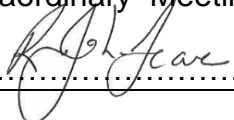
The Community Strategic Plan is the key element in preparing the Operational Plan for the coming 12 months, Delivery Program for the ensuing 4 years and the Long Term Financial Plan for the next 10 years.

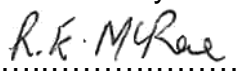
OFFICER COMMENT

Council's draft Operational Plan allows for a General Fund rate increase of 2.6% as per the rate pegging allowance.

Water access charges have been increased by 7% for Jerilderie residents. Darlington Point and Coleambally residents will see an increase of 5% for 20mm meters, with increases of between 3% and 15% for those business owners with larger capacity meters.

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Sewer access charges will be increased by 3% across the area, with increases of between 3% and 15% for those business owners with larger capacity meters.

Water usage charges will increase by 3% to 7% for Jerilderie residents, with increases of 3% for Darlington Point and Coleambally residents.

Provision to continue to provide manned operational hours for each of the swimming pools has been made within the current document. Council has also determined that entry will remain free for the upcoming season.

Council will continue to provide for community grants in the amount of \$20,000, together with student scholarships totalling \$9,000.

Garbage and recycling fees are increased by 3% across the Council area, as are other sundry user fees and charges.

Council anticipates operational expenditure of \$12M with a further \$6M for depreciation expenses. Operational income is anticipated as \$17M with a further \$7M of capital grants anticipated.

- A further \$15M has been budgeted for capital works, including rehabilitation works for Bencubbin Avenue, Coleambally and Channel 9 Road totalling \$2.7M.
- \$3.1M has been provided for road reseals, gravel resheeting, footpath, culvert and kerb & gutter renewals.
- \$1.8M is anticipated for water supply upgrades and renewals.
- \$2.9M has been allowed for upgrading and extension of the Darlington Point Caravan Park, subject to grant funds being received.
- \$1.5M additional funding has been allowed for subdivision development at Darlington Point, and plant replacement programmes are anticipated to consume \$2.1M.

SUSTAINABILITY

NIL

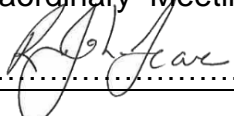
STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY


Sections 404 and 405 of the Local Government Act 1993
Clause 201 Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

FINANCIAL

The proposed 2020-2021 Statement of Financial Performance provides for a surplus from ordinary activities of \$5,719,419, being General Fund \$4,150,111, Water Fund \$1,619,431 and a Sewer Fund deficit of \$50,123.

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This statement also indicates a deficit of \$1,513,614 from ordinary activities before capital grants. This is represented by General Fund \$1,582,922 deficit, Water Fund \$119,431 surplus and Sewer Fund \$50,123 deficit.

The anticipated cash flow provides for a decrease of funds of \$811,311, represented by General Fund \$465,677 decrease, Water Fund increase by \$44,614 and Sewer Fund decrease of \$440,245.

Borrowings of \$1.5M are proposed for the subdivision development at Darlington Point.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Community Strategic Plan

Strategy 5.1 – Transparent Leadership through Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Council will be unable to meet a number of Local Government Performance Measures, the information for which is provided below:

- Council's Operating Performance Ratio is anticipated at minus 8.94% against a benchmarking figure of greater than 0. It is anticipated that the General Fund component would be minus 10.5%;
- Own Source Revenue Ratio is assumed at 39.64% against a benchmarking figure of greater than 60%. It is anticipated that the General Fund component would be 36.74%.

It is not anticipated that Council will be able to meet this criteria whilst we have a low population base and limited ability to generate significant other revenues.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Management Group and Councillor workshops undertaken.

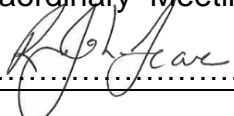
OPTIONS


The Murrumbidgee Council draft Delivery Program (2020-2024) and Operational Plan (2020-2021) be endorsed and placed on public exhibition.

ATTACHMENTS

To be included under separate cover: Documentation providing draft Delivery Program (2020-2024), Operational Plan (2020-2021) and Rates, Fees and Annual Charges 2020-2021.

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