

## 3.2 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN 2008-2009 (CORP16: MK:DW)

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*That the Business Plan '2008 – 2009' be adopted for implementation in the 2008 – 2009 financial year.*

### **INTRODUCTION**

Council has a legislative requirement to adopt a Council Plan that sets out its Strategic Objectives. It also must adopt, as part of the budget, Activities and Initiatives and Key Strategic Activities that will assist in achieving the Strategic Objectives. The City of Monash 'Council Plan 2006 – 2010' (2008 Update) has been developed with 5 Strategic Objectives as follows: Inclusive and Connected Community, Supportive Community, Prosperous Community, Liveable City and Responsible Corporate Governance.

To ensure these Strategic Objectives are met, a number of Activities and Initiatives and Key Strategic Activities have been developed and included in the draft 'Annual Business Plan 2008 – 2009'. They demonstrate the focus and tasks required to meet the strategic objectives in the Council Plan.

This report is provided for Council's adoption and to inform Council and the community of the 'Annual Business Plan 2008 - 2009' Activities and Initiatives and Key Strategic Activities.

### **BACKGROUND**

Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1989 prescribes that a Council Plan must include the Strategic Objectives of the Council and that the budget include the Activities and Initiatives to achieve the Strategic Objectives as well as Key Strategic Activities.

As part of Council's Planning Process, Council staff reviews current and future plans and budgets to identify Activities and Initiatives and Key Strategic Activities to be undertaken during the financial year.

These items then form part of the 'Budget 2008 – 2009' document and are recorded in the 'Annual Business Plan 2008 – 2009' for internal use, before being entered into the organisation's Corporate Information Database for performance monitoring and reporting on a quarterly basis throughout the financial year.

### **REPORTING AND AUDIT**

The City's external auditors will undertake a Performance Audit of the planned Key Strategic Activities and prepare a report as part of the sign off of the Annual Accounts.

The Annual Report 2008 – 2009 will contain the signed Performance Statement listing progress and achievement against the Key Strategic Activities, and a report on progress and achievement against the ‘Annual Business Plan 2008 - 2009’ items. The Annual Report will be available to all members of the public following its adoption by Council.

### ***CONCLUSION***

Council has prepared the ‘Annual Business Plan 2008 – 2009’ for consideration and adoption. Implementation of the annual business plan actions reflects the Council’s commitment to pursue excellence, good governance and responsible management of resources in order to achieve the Strategic Objectives contained in the City of Monash ‘Council Plan 2006 – 2010’ (2008 Update).