

**3.1 THE 2009 – 2013 DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN INCORPORATING THE STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN**  
(CORP16 MK:DW)

Responsible Director: Marilyn Kearney

***RECOMMENDATION***

*That:*

- 1. The '2009 – 2013 Draft Council Plan' incorporating the Strategic Resource Plan be adopted for community consultation.*
- 2. The Council appoints a Committee of all Councillors to consider any submissions received up to 4.00 p.m., 11 June 2009 in accordance with section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, at a meeting to be convened at 8.00pm, Tuesday 16 June 2009, in the Council Chambers at the Civic Centre, 293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley.*

***INTRODUCTION***

The Local Government Act 1989 ('the Act') requires that a Council must prepare, approve and submit to the Minister for Local Government a Council Plan within the period of 6 months after each general election year or by the next 30th June, whichever is the later.

This report is provided for Council's endorsement of the draft 'Council Plan 2009 – 2013' for the purpose of community consultation prior to the consideration of any submissions received from the community and eventual adoption by the Council on 30 June 2009.

***BACKGROUND***

**The Council Plan**

Section 125 of the Act prescribes that a Council Plan must include:

- a) The strategic objectives of the Council,*
- b) Strategies for achieving the objectives for at least the next four years,*
- c) Strategic indicators for monitoring the achievement of these objectives,*
- d) A Strategic Resource Plan, and*
- e) Any other matter prescribed by the regulations.*

In 2009 Council formed a Steering Committee of Councillors and officers to develop the Council Plan for consideration and adoption by the Council. The Plan used its longer term planning document, "Monash 2012" as its basis.

## **The Strategic Resource Plan**

Section 126 of the Local Government Act also prescribes that a Strategic Resource Plan (SRP) be developed and be contained within the Council Plan including:

- (1) *The Strategic Resource Plan documenting the resources required to achieve the strategic objectives.*
- (2) *The Strategic Resource Plan must include in respect of at least the next 4 financial years-*
  - a) *The Standard Statements describing the required financial resources containing the required information in the form required by the regulations;*
  - b) *Statements describing the required non-financial resources, including human resources.*
- (3) *A Council must -*
  - a) *Review the Strategic Resource Plan during the preparation of the Council Plan; and*
  - b) *Adopt the Strategic Resource Plan not later than 30 June each year.*
- (4) *A copy of the current Strategic Resource Plan must be available for inspection at -*
  - a) *The Council office and any district offices; and*
  - b) *Any other place required by the regulations.*

## **DISCUSSION**

### ***Community Consultation***

A significant community consultation process was undertaken to develop the 'Council Plan 2009 – 2013' including the facilitation of:

- A Councillor workshop in March 2009 to review the strategic objectives and to develop Council's strategic direction for the next four years.
- Interactive displays at community festivals conducted between February and April 2009 that facilitated the opportunity for approximately 900 community participants to identify their top three priorities for the Council to consider for inclusion in the Council Plan;
- Council Advisory Committees Workshops including: Young Persons Reference Group, Older Persons Reference Group, Disability Consultative Committee and the Environment Advisory Committee;
- Participation through an invitation to respond to a questionnaire for Members of the Economic Development Forum and the Multicultural Advisory Committee;  
as well as workshops conducted with:
- Ashwood, Ashburton, Chadstone (AAC) Neighbourhood Renewal Group;

- Representatives of the Monash Health Network and the Division of GP's; and council staff.

The results of the Community Consultation process have provided valuable input into the development of a strategic four year Council Plan that builds on the objectives set down in *Monash 2012 – A Strategy for the Future*. Further consultation will be available to the wider community through the public display of the draft Plan and submission process described below.

### ***Submissions***

In accordance with the legislative requirement it is proposed that the 'Council Plan 2009 – 2013' be made available for public comment.

Section 125(3) of the Act provides that a person has the right to make a submission on the proposed Council Plan. In order to obtain feedback on the draft 'Council Plan 2009 – 2013' an advertisement will be placed in "The Age" and local newspapers. This will advise the community that the draft 'Council Plan 2009 – 2013' is available for viewing on Council's web site, ([www.monash.vic.gov.au](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au)) as well as being available from any of Council's five libraries, the Civic Centre in Glen Waverley and Oakleigh Service Centre or by mail to interested ratepayers.

This year Monash residents will be able to use a new feature on Council's website: 'Have your Say' - <http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/feedback/index.htm> Access to this web page will allow residents to download a submission form and lodge a submission on the draft 'Council Plan 2009 – 2013'. Email and written submissions on the draft 'Council Plan 2009 – 2013' will be received at the Civic Centre up until 4pm, 11 June 2009.

The community consultation process will also be formalised through public submissions under Section 223 of the Act. A Section 223 meeting will take place at 8pm on Tuesday, 16 June 2009 to consider any public submissions on the draft document. Any person wanting to make a submission to the Council should advise of this requirement in their email/written submission, giving a name and contact number. Written submissions should be addressed to:

Mr. David Conran  
Chief Executive Officer,  
City of Monash,  
293 Springvale Road,  
GLEN WAVERLEY VIC 3150  
Or via email: [mail@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@monash.vic.gov.au)

### ***CONCLUSION***

The draft 'Council Plan 2009 – 2013' incorporating the Strategic Resource Plan has been prepared for community consultation. This document reflects the Council's commitment to pursue excellence, good governance and responsible management of resources for the community in the City of Monash.