

### **3.1 THE 2006 – 2010 (2008 UPDATE) COUNCIL PLAN INCORPORATING THE STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN**

(CORP16 MK:DW)

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#### ***RECOMMENDATION***

*That the '2006 – 2010 (2008 Update) Council Plan' incorporating the Strategic Resource Plan be adopted.*

#### ***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. On 27 June 2006 Council adopted the 'Council Plan 2006 – 2010' to fulfill the requirements of 'the Act' and to continue the commitment of Council to pursue excellence, good governance and responsible management of resources for the community in the City of Monash.

'The Act' also requires that at least once in each financial year, a Council consider the current Council Plan and make adjustments necessary in respect of the remaining period of the Council Plan.

The Council Plan 2006 – 2010 has been updated and this report is provided for Council's endorsement of the 'Council Plan 2006 – 2010 (2008 Update)'.

#### ***BACKGROUND***

##### **The Council Plan**

Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1989 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 2006 Council formed a Steering Committee of Councillors and officers to develop the Council Plan 2006 – 2010. The Council Plan used Monash 2012 as its basis for the review. In both 2007 and 2008 a review of the strategies in the Council Plan were conducted to ensure continued relevance and to update the Council's progress and achievements to date.

## **The Strategic Resource Plan**

Section 126 of the Local Government Act also prescribes that a Strategic Resource Plan (SRP) must be included in the Council Plan and contain the following:

- (1) The Strategic Resource Plan is a plan of 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 in the form and containing the information 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***

On 27 June 2006 Council adopted the ‘Council Plan 2006 – 2010’. Since the adoption of the Council Plan a number of the strategies have been achieved and measurement of the strategic indicators shows significant progress against all five strategic objectives.

At its meeting of 3 June 2008 Council adopted the draft ‘Council Plan 2006 – 2010’ (2008 Update) and sought written and verbal submissions on the draft. Notices were placed in ‘The Age’ and local newspapers, as well copies of the draft Council Plan 2006 – 2010 (2008 update) were also made available at Council’s five libraries, the Civic Centre in Glen Waverley, the Oakleigh Service Centre and on Council’s web site.

## ***SUBMISSIONS***

At the close of business on Thursday 19 June 2008 at 4pm no submissions on the Council Plan had been received.

## ***CONCLUSION***

The ‘Council Plan 2006 – 2010’ (2008 update) incorporating the Strategic Resource Plan has been prepared and is ready for adoption by Council. It will be published and made available to all staff, key businesses, service groups and interested parties and will also be available on Council’s web site, [www.monash.vic.gov.au](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au). 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