

**2.1 MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN 2017-2021**  
(JG: F16-106050)

Responsible Director: Julie Salomon

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

***PURPOSE***

This report outlines the proposed project plan and consultation framework for development of Council's new Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021.

***KEY CONSIDERATIONS/ISSUES***

Monash City Council has a leading role in population health and wellbeing planning for the municipality. Under the Health and Wellbeing Act 2008, Councils are required to prepare a Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan (MPHWP) within the period of 12 months after general election of the Council.

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The development process of the MPHWP is required to actively engage the community in consultations and promote partnership interventions to optimise health and wellbeing. In addition, the plan is to be based on The Victorian Health Plan which is the State Government's plan for a healthier future. This plan reflects the government's commitment to delivering the best healthcare outcomes possible and ensuring people are as healthy as they can be.

***FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS***

There are no financial implications.

***CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATION***

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**RECOMMENDATION***That Council:*

1. *note this report and Council's responsibilities under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008;*
3. *reaffirm the updated Terms of Reference for the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan Steering Committee, and seeks nominations for three (3) community representatives; and*
3. *acknowledge our key partners and endorse the proposed Consultation and Communication Plan for the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.*

**INTRODUCTION**

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The foundation of the Victorian Health Plan is the *Victorian Health Priorities Framework 2012–2022*. The framework's purpose is to lay out a clear, coordinated agenda for the future of the entire Victorian health system. It provides principles to guide decision making and prioritisation of innovation, investment and actions.

The MPHWP sets the broad mission, goals and priorities to enable people living in the municipality to achieve maximum health and wellbeing.

This report outlines the proposed project plan and consultation framework for development of Council's new Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021.

### **BACKGROUND**

It is a statutory responsibility of each local government in Victoria that they develop a Public Health and Wellbeing Plan. The *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* requires under section 26 of the Bill that:

1. Council prepare a MPHWP, within 12 months after each general election of Council. A MPHWP must:
  - a) Include an examination of data about health status and health determinants in the municipal district;
  - b) Identify goals and strategies based on available evidence for creating a local community in which people can achieve maximum health and wellbeing;
  - c) Provide for the involvement of people in the local community in the development, implementation and evaluation of the public health and wellbeing plan;
  - d) Specify how Council will work in partnership with the Department and other agencies undertaking public health initiatives, projects and programs to accomplish the goals and strategies identified in the public health and wellbeing plan; and
  - e) Be consistent with –
    - i. The Council Plan prepared under section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1989*; and
    - ii. The municipal strategic statement prepared under section 12A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

It is important to note that a new statutory link between the *Climate Change Act 2010* and the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* has also been made that requires councils to have regard to the Climate Change Act when preparing an MPHWP under s. 26 of the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*.

The *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* contributes to protecting and promoting the health of Victorians and the MPHWP plays an important role in promoting health and wellbeing and preventing injury across a variety of settings.

### **DISCUSSION**

The MPHWP plan should be developed in partnership with the key community health services, primary care partnerships and other local services.

#### Partner Agencies

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The new MPHWP will be developed in partnership with the following community health services, primary care partnerships and local services inter alia:

- Department of Health;
- Primary Care Network;
- Inner East Primary Care Partnership;
- Link Health & Community;
- Monash Council Directorates and Reference and Advisory Groups;
- Women’s Health East; and
- Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Steering Committee.

Other stakeholders to be consulted include the Mental Illness Fellowship and the Port Phillip Housing Association who are undertaking a one year project on mental health in Monash in 2017/18.

Strategic alignment of effort across all areas of Council and across all local agencies will be critical to achieving Victoria’s health and wellbeing objectives in the coming years.

#### Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan Steering Committee

In the past, a MPHWP Steering Committee has been responsible for overseeing the planning, implementation and development of the MPHWP. It is recommended that Council reconvene this committee to oversee the development of Council’s new MPHWP 2017-2021.

The specific roles of the committee are to:

- Provide expert and community advice with evidence based information and resources on key health and wellbeing issues and initiatives within Monash;
- Identify key current and emerging health and wellbeing issues and service gaps in Monash;
- Assist in formalising the priorities for the Monash Health and Wellbeing Partnership Plan 2017-2021;
- Review the draft plan within realistic timeframes provided;
- Promote a partnership approach to the implementation and evaluation of the key initiatives outlined in the plan; and
- Promote and support implementation of the plan across the community.

The Committee is made up of representatives from:

- Two (2) Councillor representatives;
- Council officers;
- Three (3) Monash community residents determined by an Expression of Interest process; and
- External health agency representative from:
  - Department of Health;
  - Primary Health Network;
  - Inner East Primary Care Partnership;

- Link Health & Community; and
- Women’s Health East.

The Terms of Reference for the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan Steering Committee have been updated and are detailed in attachment 2.

#### Project Plan and Timelines

The key stages and indicative timelines for the development of a new MPHWP have been detailed in attachment 3: Project Plan and Indicative Timelines.

#### Communication and Engagement Approach

The Consultation and Communication Plan (attachment 4) outlines the proposed consultation methodology for the development of the new MPHWP. A comprehensive internal and external consultation will be undertaken from November 2016 - March 2017. Key stakeholders identified include:

##### **1. Internal**

- Advisory Committee on Engagement (ACE);
- Communications Team including the Coordinator Consultation & Research;
- Manager Corporate Performance re links and areas for integration with the new Council Business Plan;
- Briefing sessions – Council, Executive, Managers and Coordinators; and
- Staff information sessions and consultation forums.

##### **2. External**

- Reference groups and committees including:
  - Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Steering Committee;
  - Monash Interfaith Gathering;
  - Multicultural Advisory Committee;
  - Disability Advisory Committee;
  - Gender Equity Advisory Committee;
  - Positive Aging Reference Group (PALS);
  - Young Persons Reference Group;
  - Neighbourhood House Quarterly Meetings; and
  - Senior Citizens Forum.
- Targeted community focused groups;
- One-on-one meetings with partner agencies;
- On-line community survey; and
- Information at community festivals and events.

#### ***POLICY CONTEXT***

In preparing a health and wellbeing plan, the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* requires council MPHWP to be consistent with the corporate plan of the council and the council land use plan required by the *Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS)*.

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Achieving strategic alignment is critical to achieving health and wellbeing outcomes in local communities. Other local plans of community partners with an interest in local public health should sit alongside the MPHWP.

MPHWPs also need to consider the directions and priorities of the *Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2015–2019* and the Climate Change Act.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications.

### **CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATION**

Under the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*, Council is required to develop a new MPHWP by 31 October 2017. This report outlines the proposed process, timelines and consultation methodology to be used to develop Monash's new Health and Wellbeing Partnership Plan 2017-2021 for Council approval.

It is recommended Council note this report and resolve to reconvene the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan Steering Committee and endorse the proposed Consultation and Communication Plan (Attachment 4).

### **ATTACHMENTS**

**Attachment 1:** Monash Health and Wellbeing Partnership Plan 2013-2017 Priorities

**Attachment 2:** Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Steering Committee Terms of Reference

**Attachment 3:** Project Plan and Indicative Timelines

**Attachment 4:** Consultation and Communication Plan