

6. 2007/08 ANNUAL PLAN



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend:
 - The adoption of the 2007/08 Annual Plan;
 - The setting of rates for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2007 and ending on 30 June 2008.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Earlier this year the Council prepared its draft 2007/08 Annual Plan. This was distributed for public consultation in April 2007. Written submissions were received and opportunities given for people and organisations to appear before Councillors to express support of, or opposition to the draft plan.
3. On 11 June 2007 the Council received and considered a report from Council staff in response to the submissions made. Recommended changes to the draft were approved and adopted by resolution. (A copy of the amended pages to the 2007/08 Annual Plan has been separately circulated to all members.)
4. At the same time the Council approved a rate increase for the 2007/08 financial year of 7.35%.
5. It is recommended that the Council resolve to adopt the 2007/08 Annual Plan, including the amendments to the draft plan approved by resolution on 11 June 2007 and to set the rates for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2007 and ending on 30 June 2008.

BACKGROUND (THE ISSUES)

6. The requirement to prepare and adopt an Annual Plan for each financial year is contained in section 95 of the Local Government Act 2002. In accordance with that section the Council has:
 - (a) Used the special consultative procedure for public consultation.
 - (b) Included the following information:
 - The proposed 2007 Annual Budget and Funding Impact Statement.
 - Any variation from the financial statements and Funding Impact Statement included in the Council's Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) in respect of the 2007 year.
 - (c) Prepared the 2007/08 Annual Plan in accordance with the principles and procedures that apply to the preparation of the financial statements and Funding Impact Statement included in the LTCCP.
 - (d) Provided appropriate references to the LTCCP in which the Council's activities for the 2007 year covered by the 2007/08 Annual Plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council resolve to:

- (a) Adopt the 2007/08 Annual Plan, including the amendments to the draft plan approved by resolution on 11 June 2007.
- (b) Set the rates for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2007 and ending on 30 June 2008 (as per Appendix 1 attached).
- (c) Authorise the General Manager Corporate Services to make any necessary amendments required after 1 July 2007 to ensure that the published 2007/08 Annual Plan is in accordance with the Council's resolutions of 28 June 2007.