

DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN EXHIBITION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING (IPR) FRAMEWORK AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

The Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) framework recognises that most communities share similar aspirations: a safe, healthy and pleasant place to live, a sustainable environment, opportunities for social interaction, opportunities for employment and reliable infrastructure. The difference lies in how each community responds to these needs. It also recognises that council plans and policies should not exist in isolation but consider the role played by other organisations. This framework allows NSW councils to draw their various plans together, understand how they interact and get the maximum leverage from their efforts by planning holistically for the future

The IPR framework includes a long-term Community Plan, a Community Engagement Strategy, a Resourcing Strategy, a Delivery Program and Operational Plans. The plans together allow Council to lead the city forward according to their communities needs in a cohesive, transparent and achievable way.

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY PLAN?

The Community Plan identifies the community's long term aspirations for the City. It looks beyond the next ten years, setting out strategies to achieve the outcomes the community are seeking. It demands strong leadership from Council in working with others to grow our Regional City into the future.

WHAT IS A DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN?

The Delivery Program is Council's 4 year work program and includes the annual Operational Plan which together set out services, activities and actions Council will deliver each year to implement the Community Plan. The Delivery Program sets out clear priorities, ongoing service activities and specific actions Council will undertake, towards achieving the community's outcomes.

The Operational Plan is a sub-plan of the Delivery Program. It lists the projects and actions Councils seeks to undertake in the next financial year, to achieve our Delivery Program 2013-17. This plan also includes the budget and an overview of Council's financial estimates and program of capital works for the financial year.

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY?

The Community Engagement Strategy outlines how Council will engage with its communities and relevant stakeholders in developing the Community Plan.

Council is commitment to involving residents and stakeholders in decisions about our City. We seek opportunities to gather a broad range of perspective to help us make better informed decisions about policy directions and service delivery that directly affect our communities. Our Community Engagement Strategy is built on social justice and equity principles and values of inclusive participation; commitment; building relationships; transparency; a partnership approach; and feedback.

WHAT IS A RESOURCE STRATEGY?

The Resource Strategy outlines Council's capacity to manage assets and deliver services over the next ten years. The Resource Strategy includes three key elements - a Workforce Plan, an Asset Management Plan, and a Long Term Financial Plan. To prepare the Resource Strategy, Council determines its capacity and how to effectively manage its finances, the sustainability of its workforce, and the overall cost of its community assets.

WHAT IS ON EXHIBITION?

- **Draft Operational Plan 2016-17.** This lists the projects and actions Councils seeks to undertake in the next financial year, to achieve our Delivery Program 2013-17. This plan also includes the draft Budget and Draft Capital Budget 2015-16 and provides an overview of Council's financial estimates and program of capital works for the financial year. A summary of the actions proposed and schedule of works in the draft Operational Plan 2015-16 is provided in the document library.
- **Draft Fees and Charges 2016-17.** This outlines all fees, charges and rates charged by Council in each financial year. A summary of the key changes to fees is provided in the document library.

These documents and amendments are on exhibition for community comment prior to being adopted by Council in June 2016.

HOW CAN I HAVE MY SAY ABOUT THESE PLANS?

You can provide feedback on the draft plans and proposed amendments by:

- **Online:** Go to the [submission tab](#) and complete an online submission form
- **Email:** ourfuture@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au
- **Write to:** General Manager, Attention: Corporate Planning team, Penrith City Council, PO Box 60, Penrith NSW 2751.

Submissions must be received by midnight on 25 May 2016.

For enquiries please call (02) 4732 7777.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH MY SUBMISSION?

All formal submissions will be acknowledged and the feedback provided will be considered in our final review of the plans. At the end of this process a formal

report will then be submitted to Council outlining all submissions and outcomes, along with copies of the final documents for the consideration of Council.

This report is proposed to be presented to Council on Monday 27 June 2016.

For more information on this topic phone **Council** on 02 4732 7777.