



# **DUNGOG SHIRE COUNCIL**

**EXTRA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 7 FEBRUARY 2019**

**AT 6.00 PM.**

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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1. Acknowledgement of Country
2. Apologies
3. Declaration of Interests
4. General Managers Report

Coralie Nichols  
GENERAL MANAGER

## GENERAL MANAGERS REPORTS

### 1. ALIGNMENT OF INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING DOCUMENTS

**FILE NO:** EF09/142

**ANNEXURES:** Nil

**AUTHOR:** The General Manager

**COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN:** 7. Governance and Finance

**DELIVERY PROGRAM:** 5.7. Financial Sustainability

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council's Delivery Program 2018-2022 be amended to include the following wording in reference to the Special Rate Cumulative increase.
  - *The cumulative increase in rates is 97.8% over 7 years, including the cumulative increase of 18.9% from the rate peg increase.*
2. That Council's Resourcing Strategy 2018-2022 be included in the Delivery Program 2018-2022 as an addendum, and
3. That Council's Delivery Program 2018-2022 inclusive of the above amendments be adopted.

#### Precis:

That Council ensure the alignment of adopted Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) documentation.

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#### Report

As noted by Councillors at the last meeting, the following resolution was passed;

1. *That Council's Delivery Program 2018-2022 be amended to include the Special Rate Cumulative increase figure.*
2. *That Council include the following commentary in the Delivery Program 2018-2022:*
  - *The cumulative increase in rates is 97.8% over 7 years, including the cumulative increase of 18.9% from the rate peg increase.*

*Moved Cr G Riley, Seconded Cr D Rayward.*

This was undertaken to align Council's adopted Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) documentation. As advised in that report IPART had identified an omission in our Delivery Program 2018-2022 adopted by Council in December, 2018. They sought the alignment of our Delivery Program 2018-2022 with our Resourcing Strategy 2018-2022, also adopted by Council in December, 2018 prior to submitting our Special Rate Variation application.

To further assist the community to understand Council's improvement plan and how the special rate variation (SRV) fits into this it is proposed to attach the Resourcing Strategy 2018-2022 as an addendum to the Delivery Program 2018-2022 so it is one document.

The Resourcing Strategy consists of the long term financial plan, the workforce management plan and asset planning, i.e. it identifies the resources – time, money, assets and people needed to achieve the strategies established by the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) and council's improvement plan. It is a critical link when it comes to translating strategic objectives into actions.

The Delivery Program identifies the principal activities to be undertaken by council to implement the strategies established by the Community Strategic Plan within the resources available under the Resourcing Strategy. One of the essential elements of the Office of Local Government's Integrated Planning and Reporting Manual states the Delivery Program must inform and be informed by the Resourcing Strategy.

As previously noted in the chamber, Council is very conscious of the quantum of the SRV and therefore including the Resourcing Strategy within the Delivery Program will provide the community a single point of reference to source information regarding the SRV and how it will impact council's ability to implement the priorities within the Community Strategic Plan and available resources.

As mentioned above both the Delivery Program 2018-2022 and the Resourcing Strategy 2018-2022 were exhibited together during November/December 2018 and adopted by council 19 December 2018. No submissions were received on either document.

The Resourcing Strategy has been updated to include the Morrison Low, Assessment of Capacity to Pay report which was included as an annexure to the General Manager's Special Rate Variation report to council 19 December 2018 and a summary of information provided in previous reports and at community meetings held July 2018, both are posted on Council's website.

## IMPLICATIONS

### ***Finance and Resourcing***

There are no immediate financial implications associated with this report.

### ***Previous Council Resolutions***

December 2018 Ordinary Meeting

37948	<p>1. That Council adopt the amended Community Strategic Plan 2030.  2. That Council adopt the amended Delivery Program 2018-2022.  3. That Council endorse the Resourcing Strategy 2018-2022.</p> <p>Moved Cr D Rayward, Seconded Cr J Connors.  Carried.</p>
37956	<p>3. That Council's Delivery Program 2018-2022 be amended to include the Special Rate Cumulative increase figure.  4. That Council include the following commentary in the Delivery Program 2018-2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The cumulative increase in rates is 97.8% over 7 years, including the cumulative increase of 18.9% from the rate peg increase.</i></li> </ul> <p>Moved Cr G Riley, Seconded Cr D Rayward.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>

**Implementation**

Should Council resolve to adopt the above recommendation the amendment will be made post the Council resolution and documents made available on council's website.

**Community/Consultative**

The Extra Ordinary Meeting dealing with this matter was advertised in the Dungog Chronicle and information regarding this proposed amendment to the Delivery Program 2018-2022 was circulated in the weekly Mayoral Column. Further, a letter from the General Manager to all rate payers also contained information regarding the SRV cumulative increase and Information regarding this report was provided on Council's web page.

**Statutory**

Local councils in NSW are required to undertake their planning and reporting activities in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005. The Act provides that the Deputy Director General (Local Government), Department of Premier and Cabinet can issue Guidelines that must be followed by local councils when undertaking their planning and reporting activities.