



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, 26 August 2021 WEST WIMMERA SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD: Thursday, 26 August 2021

LOCATION: Microsoft Teams

COMMENCEMENT: 2.00pm

PUBLIC ACCESS: Recording will be loaded to website post meeting

IN ATTENDANCE:	
Councillors	Senior Management Group
Bruce Meyer OAM, Mayor Jodie Pretlove, Deputy Mayor Trevor Domaschenz Tom Houlihan Tim Meyer	David Bezuidenhout Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
	Vin McKay Interim Director Corporate & Community Services (DCCS)
	Officers: Sarah Ellis, Manager Business Performance and Development Melaine Jordan, Finance Coordinator John Griffith, Manager Infrastructure Engineering Kaddie Cother, Governance Support Officer Kiara Silvester, Executive Assistance for the CEO

*The West Wimmera Shire Council Governance Rules
set out the meeting procedure rules for this Council Meeting.*

*Members of the public are reminded that they are required to remain silent
during this meeting, except during Section 4.0 Questions from the Gallery.*

Vision Statement:

*Our Wimmera Shire communities are healthy, thriving, diverse, harmonious,
prosperous and self-sustaining, with regional and global connectivity.*



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1.0 WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

The West Wimmera Shire Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, and pays respect to their elders, past, present and emerging.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That in view of the current COVID-19 Pandemic and the social distancing restrictions put in place by the Australian and Victorian Governments, public access to this meeting be limited to live streaming via Council's website.

Moved: Cr Jodie Pretlove

Seconded: Cr Tim Meyer

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Carried (5/0)

2.0 OPENING PRAYER – CEO

Almighty God, we humbly ask your blessing upon this Council. Guide and prosper our decisions to the advancement of Your Glory and the true welfare of the people of West Wimmera Shire. Amen.

3.0 APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE, DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

3.1 APOLOGIES: Nil



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3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Nil

3.3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All Councillors have a personal responsibility to ensure they are aware of the provisions mandated in the Local Government Act 2020 with regard to Conflict of Interest disclosures.

None Declared



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4.0 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

4.1 WEST WIMMERA SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY VISION, COUNCIL PLAN AND LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

FILE NUMBER: AD0189

**REPORT AUTHOR: SARAH ELLIS, MANAGER PERFORMANCE AND
DEVELOPMENT**

FOR DECISION

Introduction

West Wimmera Shire Council (Council) is required under the Local Government Act 2020 to have in place by October 31st 2021, a Community Vision, 4 year Council Plan (including the Health and Wellbeing Plan) and Long Term Financial Plan.

Development of these documents started in March 2021, and we are now ready to move into the final Community Engagement process prior to the adoption of the documents by Council in October.

Declaration of Interests

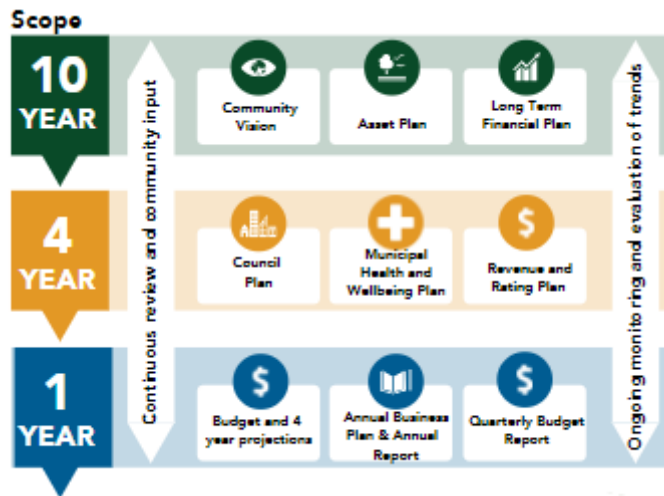
No officer declared an interest under the *Local Government Act 2020* in the preparation of this report.

Background

Councils planning framework comprises the key plans that guide Councils work and decision making and connects the long-term community needs and aspirations. The Community Vision, 4-year Council Plan (including the Health and Wellbeing Plan) and Long Term Financial Plan are key documents of the planning framework.



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The Community Vision describes the community's main priorities and aspirations over the next 20 years.

The Long Term Financial Plan defines the broad financial framework for Council over the next ten years. Assumptions underpinning the Plan are transparent and the decisions that need to be made to resource the services and capital works outlined in the Council Plan are made clear.

The Council Plan, incorporating the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan (MHWP) is a key medium-term strategic plan that describes the strategic objectives, actions to achieve the objectives, indicators for measuring progress and the resources required to implement the plan for at least four years. This plan will be reviewed on an annual basis.

To prepare the Community Vision, Council Plan and Long Term Financial Plan, Council has undertaken an extensive and integrated engagement process. The Local Government Act 2020 requires Council to develop or review the Community Vision, Council Plan, Financial Plan, and an Asset Plan in accordance with its Community Engagement Policy. Council adopted a Community Engagement Policy on 17 February 2021 which sets out how Council will involve the community in making decisions and planning for the future.

The engagement process which has included listening posts, a community survey and community panel has received input from over 500 West Wimmera residents and ratepayer and the feedback received has been used to shape the documents.

The next step is for the documents to go on public exhibition for any final comments prior to being presented to Council for endorsement at the October Council Meeting.

Risk Management Implications

These are strategic documents for the organisation and ensure that Council is meeting statutory requirement and ensuring good governance of the organisation.



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Legislative Implications

By completing these 3 three documents Council enables the compliance with a range of statutory obligations under multiple acts and regulations.

Local Government Act 2020:

- Section 88 – Community Vision
- Section 90 – Council Plan
- Section 91– Long Term Financial Plan

Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008:

- Section 26– Prepare Health and Wellbeing Plan
- Section 27 – inclusion of the Health and Wellbeing plan in Council Plan

Under section 55(d) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), Council is required to apply it's Community Engagement Policy to the Annual Budget Development. Members of the public are entitled to make a submission to the budget under section 94 of the Act.

Environmental Implications

Not commented on

Financial and Budgetary Implications

As detailed in the Long-Term Financial Plan

Policy Implications

This report is supported by the following West Wimmera Shire Council Policy:

Advocacy Policy
Asset Capitalisation Policy
Asset Management Policy
Borrowings Policy
Communications Policy
Community Engagement Policy
Fraud & Corruption Control Policy
Investment Policy
Procurement Policy



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Council Plan Implications

This report supports the following section/s of the West Wimmera Shire Council Plan 2017-2021:

- Strategic Objective 1: A proactive, well governed, professional and financially sustainable organisation that encourages community participation.
- Strategic Objective 2: Meaningful partnerships to support advocacy priorities and service provision.
- Strategic Objective 3: Quality sustainable community services and infrastructure.
- Strategic Objective 4: Building on our agricultural and business strengths and supporting economic development.
- Strategic Objective 5: Thriving, safe and diverse local communities.
- Strategic Objective 6: Participating in activities that address health and wellbeing issues.
- Strategic Objective 7: Providing access to and promoting the natural environment.

Communication Implications

Council will undertake a public consultation from Monday 30th August until Monday 20th September during which time members of the public are entitled to review and provide feedback.

The documents will be placed on Council's website and physical copies made available in Council Offices in Edenhope and Kaniva. The availability of the documents will be advertising in local papers, community notice boards and on Council's social media.

Gender Equality

A Gender Impact Assessment (as defined in the Gender Equality Act 2020) has been undertaken in relation to this matter in accordance with the Gender Equality Act (2020).

Conclusion

Council has prepared the draft Community Vision, Council Plan 2021-2025 and Long-Term Financial Plan in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020. The next step in the process is for Council to endorse the draft documents to go on public exhibition. Once this process is completed the feedback and updated documents will be presented to Council in the October 2021 meeting.



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OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the Draft Community Vision, Council Plan 2021-2025 and Long-Term Financial Plan to go on public exhibition from Monday 30th August until Monday 20th September.

Moved: Cr Jodie Pretlove

Seconded: Cr Trevor Domaschenz

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Carried (5/0)

Attachments:

No.	Name	RecFind Ref
1	Community Vision 2021-2041	AD0189
2	WWSC Council Plan 2021-2025	AD0189
3	WWSC Long Term Financial Plan	AD0189
4	Community Engagement Report	AD0189

MEETING CONCLUDED: 2:21 PM

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2021
EDENHOPE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**