

**QLDC Council**  
**24 March 2015**

**Report for Agenda Item: 1**

**Department:**

**CEO Office**

**2015-2025 10 Year Plan Consultation Document**

**Purpose**

- 1 To adopt the Council's 2015-2025 10 Year Plan Consultation Document and supporting documents for public consultation.

**Executive Summary**

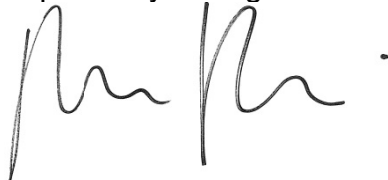
The 2014 amendments to the Local Government Act 2002 now require Councils to use a Consultation Document to consult with the community on the Council's 10 Year Plan (Long Term Plan). The 10 Year Plan itself will not be adopted until the consultation process has been completed and any changes made (30 June 2015).

**Recommendation**

- 2 *That Council:*

- a. **Adopts** the 10 Year Plan (Long Term Plan) supporting documents (Volumes 1 and 2).
- b. **Adopts** the 10 Year Plan (Long Term Plan) Consultation Document for consultation.


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Reviewed and Authorised by:



Chief Executive

12/03/2015

**Background**

- 3 The Consultation Document is a new requirement for all Councils under the 2014 amendments to the Local Government Act.

- 4 The documents informing the Consultation Document include but are not limited to the following:
- Financial Strategy
  - Infrastructure Strategy
  - Revenue & Financing Policy
  - Council Activity Statements
  - Forecasting Assumptions
  - Risk Mitigation Strategy
  - Funding Impact Statement
  - Financial Contributions Policy
  - Council's Community Outcomes
  - Rates Remission Policy
- 5 The supporting documents must be adopted prior to the adoption of the Consultation Document in accordance with section 93G of the Local Government Act.

#### **Comment**

- 6 The Consultation Document is a new requirement for Councils and while the legislation provides some guidance on what can and cannot be included in the Consultation Document, there remains a high level of flexibility as to how this information is presented to the community.
- 7 Section 93B of the LGA sets out that:
- “The purpose of the consultation document is to provide an effective basis for public participation in local authority decision-making processes relating to the content of a long-term plan by—*
- (a) providing a fair representation of the matters that are proposed for inclusion in the long-term plan, and presenting these in a way that—*
- (i) explains the overall objectives of the proposals, and how rates, debt, and levels of service might be affected; and*
- (ii) can be readily understood by interested or affected people; and*
- (b) identifying and explaining to the people of the district or region, significant and other important issues and choices facing the local authority and district or region, and the consequences of those choices; and*
- (c) informing discussions between the local authority and its communities about the matters in paragraphs (a) and (b)”.*
- 8 As outlined the supporting documents will be amended in response to the submission and hearing process and will be recommended for adoption as the 10 Year Plan on 30 June 2015.

## **Financial Implications**

- 9 There are no financial implications in relation to adopting the 10 Year Plan supporting documents and Consultation Document. The cost of consultation is budgeted.

## **Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions**

- 10 The 10 Year Plan (Long Term Plan) is a statutory requirement under the Local Government Act 2002 (section 93).

## **Council Policies**

- 11 The following Council Policies were considered:
- 2012-22 10 Year Plan
  - 2014/15 Annual Plan

## **Consultation**

- 12 Following its adoption, the 2015-2025 10 Year Plan Consultation Document will be published online, available from Libraries and Council offices and circulated as per Scuttlebutt (Council newsletter) distribution, in accordance with the Special Consultation Procedure (as prescribed under section 93 and in accordance with section 83). The following is an outline of consultation key dates:

24 March 2015	2015-2025 10 Year Plan Consultation Document adopted
28 March 2015	Public Submissions Open
29 April 2015	Public Submissions Close
25-26 May 2015	Hearing of Submissions
30 June 2015	10 Year Plan recommended for Adoption

## **Attachments**

- A 10 Year Plan supporting documents  
B Draft Consultation Document