

**QLDC Council
9 March 2018**

Report for Agenda Item: 1

Department: Corporate Services

2018-2028 10 Year Plan Consultation Document

Purpose

- 1 The purpose of this report is to adopt the Council's 2018-2028 10 Year Plan Consultation Document and supporting documents for public consultation.

Executive Summary

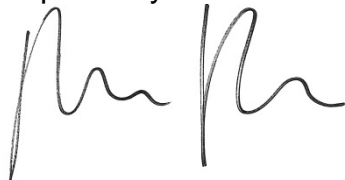
- 2 The 2014 amendments to the Local Government Act 2002 now require Councils to use a Consultation Document to consult with the community on the Council's 10 Year Plan (Long Term Plan). The 10 Year Plan itself will not be adopted until the consultation process has been completed and any changes made (28 June 2018).

Recommendation

That Council:

1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Adopt** the 10 Year Plan (Long Term Plan) supporting documents (Volumes 1 and 2);
3. **Adopt** the Draft 10 Year Plan (Long Term Plan) Consultation Document for consultation; and
4. **Approve** the Council entering into consultation on the proposed amendments to the Policy on Development Contributions in accordance with section 102 (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

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Background

- 3 The Consultation Document is a requirement for all Councils under 2014 amendments to the Local Government Act 2002 ['LGA'].
- 4 The documents informing the Consultation Document include but are not limited to the following:
 - Financial Strategy
 - Infrastructure Strategy
 - Revenue and 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 LGA.

Comment

- 6 The Consultation Document is a requirement for Councils and while the legislation provides some guidance on what can and cannot be included in the Consultation Document, there should remain 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 2018-2028 on 28 June 2018.

Proposed Amendments to the 2018/19 Policy on Development Contributions

- 9 The Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) allows Council to amend the Policy on Development Contributions at any time in accordance with section 102 (4) (b) of LGA.
- 10 As in previous years, Council intends to update the Policy in parallel with the Long Term Plan consultation. The 10 Year Plan supporting documents include the proposed amendments to the Policy on Development Contributions.
- 11 The main reason for the amendment is to update contribution levels as a result of the incorporation of the latest actual expenditure and the revised capital programme proposed by the 10 Year Plan 2018/2028.
- 12 As well as the annual update of contribution levels, the additional proposed amendments are intended to simplify and clarify certain areas of the policy; some of which have not been amended since the policy was first introduced. Many of the proposed changes involve the introduction of clearer definitions and simpler assessment methodologies as well as extension of contributing areas to include new development areas. The proposed amendments include:
 - a) Deletion of the paragraph referring to applications received prior to 8 May 2004;
 - b) Quail Rise, Ladies Mile and Kingston added as new contributing areas;
 - c) Create a single fixed water supply contribution by incorporating the Network Factor Charge;
 - d) Updated policy differentials;
 - e) Inclusion of two new Development Types – retirement villages and childcare centres;
 - f) Amend the Average Unit size to 140m²;
 - g) Include an explanation of Mixed Use Accommodation;
 - h) Include an explanation of when Home Occupation will be assessed and how;
 - i) Update the references to the Parks Strategy 2002 to Parks and Open Space Strategy 2017;
 - j) Update the 2015 assessed reserve land values to current land value rates;
 - k) Include guidance on when a stormwater remission will not be granted;
 - l) Extension of the Queenstown water and wastewater scheme boundaries to include Hanley Downs Subdivision, Kingston and Woolshed Road, Kawarau Falls; and
 - m) Subject to Housing Infrastructure Funding, inclusion of new water, wastewater and stormwater schemes for Kingston Village, Quail Rise and Ladies Mile.

Options

- 13 Options are not discussed in this report as the only reasonably practicable option for the Council is to comply with the statutory requirements and adopt the 10

Year Plan supporting documents (Volumes 1 and 2) and the Draft 10 Year Plan 2018-2028 (Long Term Plan) Consultation Document for consultation.

Financial Implications

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

Council Policies, Strategies and Bylaws

15 The following Council Policies were considered:

- 2015-28 10 Year Plan
- 2017/18 Annual Plan

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions

16 The 10 Year Plan (Long Term Plan) is a statutory requirement under LGA (section 93).

Consultation: Community Views and Preferences

17 Following its adoption, the 2018-2028 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:

9 March 2018	2018-2028 10 Year Plan Consultation Document adopted
12 March 2018	Public Submissions open
13 April 2018	Public Submissions close
15-16 May 2018	Hearing of Submissions
28 June 2018	2018-2028 10 Year Plan recommended for adoption

Attachments

- A 10 Year Plan supporting documents (Volumes 1 and 2) **(Circulated separately)**
- B Draft Consultation Document **(Circulated separately)**
- C Statement of Proposal: Proposed Amendments to the Policy on Development Contributions 2018/19