

12. REPORTS**12.1 REPORT TITLE: UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MINISTERIAL DPA****DATE OF MEETING: 19 SEPTEMBER 2011****FILE NUMBER: 48/030/064****Strategic Plan Ref:**

Goal Area 4 - Human Settlements and Transport

Purpose:

To update council on the implementation of the Ministerial DPA.

Summary – Key Issues:

- Desired objectives for council from the provision of wastewater services to the Ministerial DPA land have been prepared.
- Further work is being undertaken to enhance the ability of council to attract grant funds and other support from both State and Federal Government.
- Further information on the proposed approach to transport infrastructure provision is still awaited from the State Government.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Note the update on the implementation of the Ministerial DPA; and
 2. Endorse the high level desired objectives for the provision of wastewater services to the Ministerial DPA land (attachment 1) being forwarded to SA Water.
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Background:

1. This item provides an update post the most recent agenda item considered at the council meeting held on 5 September 2011.

Discussion:Draft Structure Plan

2. Work is proceeding on revisions to the draft Structure Plan for Mount Barker, Littlehampton and Nairne.
3. This work will be considered at a meeting of the Council's Strategic Planning and Development Policy Committee.
4. The timing of this is not yet known.

Wastewater

5. SA Water is proceeding with an Expression of Interest process.
6. This is likely to occur within the next few weeks.
7. An initial list of high level desired outcomes for council from the provision of wastewater services to the Ministerial DPA land has been prepared (attachment 1).
8. Council endorsement of this list is sought to enable it to be formally forwarded to SA Water so that these objectives are factored into the process being undertaken.

Transport

9. Further information on the proposed approach to transport infrastructure provision is still awaited from the State Government.
10. This is in relation to legally binding funding agreements between developers and the State Government and proposed governance arrangements.
11. Council continues to advocate for improved public transport services and infrastructure and has highlighted that this, together with local employment generation, is very much in the State Government's interests to avoid further congestion and the need for significant upgrading of the lower portion of the freeway at Glen Osmond.

Strategic Management Plans

12. The Ministerial DPA will have significant implications for the various strategic management plans of council.
13. These include the Strategic Plan, Long Term Financial Plan and Asset Management Plan/s.
14. Revision of the Strategic Plan (necessary as it was prepared pre the Ministerial DPA) will be the first to occur.

Community Plan

15. Please refer separate agenda item.

Developer Liaison

16. Constructive discussions are continuing with various developers on a range of matters.

17. Various opportunities to achieve better community outcomes are being identified and pursued.

Community Engagement:

Informing only	Significant information is available via the council website.
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Policy:

Not applicable to this item.

Budget:

Budget provision in 2011/12 regarding the implementation of the Ministerial DPA is \$180,000.

Work being undertaken by council will enhance the ability to attract grant funds from both State and Federal Government.

Statutory/Legal:

Not applicable to this item.

Staff Resource Requirements:

Very significant resource implications continue. This has seen a reassessment of priorities and the use of contractors in lieu of employing additional staff.

Consultants are being used where specialist expertise is not available within council staff e.g. legal.

Environmental:

A range of environmental objectives are being pursued by council.

Social:

A range of social objectives are being pursued by council.

Risk Assessment:

Risk management will be important across the various elements associated with the implementation of the Ministerial DPA.

Asset Management:

Council's asset base will increase dramatically arising from gifted assets from developers and new capital expenditure.

This will lead to a significant increase in annual depreciation, maintenance and operating expenditure.

Conclusion:

Building of relationships with key stakeholders is important to realising the council objective of achieving the best outcome possible from the Ministerial DPA process.

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Attachments

High level desired outcomes from the provision of wastewater services to the Ministerial DPA land

District Council of Mount Barker

High Level Desired Outcomes – Provision of Wastewater Services to the Ministerial DPA Land

Note: The points below are not in any particular order

Financial

- Financial sustainability of council is maintained/enhanced.

Environmental

- Laratinga Wetlands is preserved/enhanced as a premier environmental facility for continued enjoyment by the local community and visitors.
- Use of treated wastewater is maximised.
- Negative environmental impacts are minimised.

Social

- Funding burden on customers is reasonable, relative to other jurisdictions.
- Service provision to customers is reliable.
- Existing Community Wastewater Management Systems customers are not disadvantaged.

Technical

- Fully sewerred services
- Best practice technology
- Orderly development of the required infrastructure network.

Risk

- Risks to council are identified and manageable, commensurate with returns.

Compliance

- All statutory requirements are met.