

12. REPORTS**12.1 REPORT TITLE: UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MINISTERIAL DPA****DATE OF MEETING: 7 NOVEMBER 2011****FILE NUMBER: 48/030/064****Strategic Plan Ref:**

Goal Area 4 - Human Settlements and Transport

Purpose:

To provide an update on the implementation of the Ministerial DPA.

Summary – Key Issues:

- Changes within State Government may present an opportunity to establish more effective arrangements for the implementation of the Ministerial DPA.
- A successful workshop on economic sustainability has been completed as a first step in pursuing employment generation in the region.

Recommendation:

That Council note the update on the implementation of the Ministerial DPA.

Background:

This item provides an update post the most recent agenda item considered at the council meeting held on 17 October 2011.

Discussion:**Draft Structure Plan for Mount Barker, Littlehampton and Nairne**

1. Work is progressing on the revision of the draft Structure Plan following feedback from the State Government.
2. The immediate objective of council is to complete the necessary revision work so that the revised draft Structure Plan can be forwarded to the State Government before Christmas.
3. The intention remains to have the Structure Plan become part of the State Planning Strategy.

State Government Changes

4. Recent changes to Ministerial and Departmental arrangements are expected to impact on the implementation of the Ministerial DPA.
5. The Hon John Rau MP was previously Minister for Urban Development, Planning and the City of Adelaide but is now Minister for Planning (amongst other portfolios such as Deputy Premier and Attorney-General).
6. The Hon Patrick Conlon MP is now Minister for Housing and Urban Development.
7. Previously there was the Department for Planning and Local Government and the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure.
8. Now there is the Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI).
9. The Chief Executive Officer of DPTI is Mr Rod Hook with whom council has previously enjoyed a sound relationship.
10. Council's Chief Executive Officer has written to Mr Hook seeking to meet to establish effective arrangements for the Implementation of the Ministerial DPA.

Master Planning for Ministerial DPA Land in Mount Barker

11. This work is progressing in liaison with various developers.
12. Consultants have completed an initial technical feasibility regarding stormwater management for portion of the Mount Barker MDPA area.
13. Subject to the outcome of further investigations in the coming weeks it is intended to make a submission to the Federal Government in early December seeking grant funding to enable stormwater capture, storage and use including the establishment of new wetlands.

Transport Infrastructure

14. Council is still to receive any further information regarding the status of binding legal agreements being finalised and executed between several developers and the State Government.
15. Similarly Council is still awaiting information regarding the proposed governance and procurement arrangements.
16. A number of consultant studies are in progress and drafts will progressively be received for consideration, predominantly at meetings of the Strategic Planning and Development Committee.

Water Infrastructure

17. SA Water has invited Expressions of Interest (EOI) for augmentation of the potable water supply and for wastewater.
18. Closing dates for the EOI processes are:
- Potable water 2 November 2011
 - Wastewater 16 November 2011
19. For wastewater the EOI is intended to enable assessment of capability with an expectation that a minimum of 2 firms will be selected to provide a detailed proposal.
20. The EOI process does not commit SA Water in any way to undertaking wastewater infrastructure provision but proposes that the system to service Mount Barker be operational by 1 January 2014.
21. SA Water has issued an invitation to the community providing interested people with an opportunity to register as part of the community engagement process it is undertaking.

Economic Sustainability

22. A workshop was recently arranged by council to commence a process to establish economic development and employment generation.
23. The workshop was facilitated by Mr Stephen Hains formerly the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Salisbury.
24. The workshop was very successful and the participants included a broad cross section of people who made valuable contributions.
25. Mr Hains has formulated the contributions and will be discussing this with Council Members at an Informal Gathering in mid November to enable a subsequent agenda item to be prepared for consideration at a council meeting.
26. The subsequent development and implementation of strategies will need to be inclusive of key stakeholder groups in industries such as tourism and involve consideration of opportunities for cross council collaboration e.g. expansion of Monarto as a regional employment centre.

Community Engagement:

Informing only	Significant information continues to be available from the council website
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Policy:

Not applicable.

Budget:

Specific operating budget provision in 2011/12 for directly related Ministerial DPA initiatives is \$180,000.

Statutory/Legal:

Not applicable.

Staff Resource Requirements:

Significant resources continue to be dedicated to these processes.

Environmental:

A range of environmental objectives are being pursued by council.

Social:

A range of social objectives are being pursued by council.

Risk Assessment:

A range of risks exist, particularly where there are processes outside of the control of council such as the transport infrastructure arrangements.

Asset Management:

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

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

Conclusion:

Significant work is being undertaken in liaison with key stakeholders in seeking to identify and progress a range of possible opportunities for community benefit.

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Attachments

Nil