

**12.           REPORTS****12.1           REPORT TITLE:       MANAGING GROWTH - UPDATE****DATE OF MEETING: 6 AUGUST 2012****FILE NUMBER:       48/030/064****Strategic Plan Ref:**

Goal Area 4 – Human Settlements and Transport

**Purpose:**

To provide an update on the management of growth.

**Summary – Key Issues:**

- Steady progress is being made in respect of infrastructure planning but there is still a long way to go;
- The meeting with the Deputy Premier the Hon John Rau MP on 31 July was constructive with the main discussion being in relation to wastewater.

**Recommendation:**

That Council note the update on the management of growth.

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**Background:**

This item provides an update on the management of growth post the item that was considered at the Council meeting held on 16 July 2012.

**Discussion:****Electricity**

1. Council is working with ETSA Utilities to identify location options for future electricity infrastructure.
2. This will be incorporated into the Master Plans currently being formulated in liaison with infrastructure providers, State Government, developers and land owners who may be impacted upon.
3. Council has provided ETSA Utilities with information on forecast new dwellings to enable electricity supply and demand calculations to be undertaken to further inform what will be needed and when, relative to growth.

4. Ultimately there will be a range of considerations that will need to be weighed up in the decision making process.

#### Transport

5. Further information is still awaited from Minister Pat Conlon in relation to the intended appointment by the Minister of persons to the Mount Barker Road Infrastructure Advisory Committee.
6. The State Government Informal Group continues to meet in the interim and is co-ordinating the approach to new and upgraded transport infrastructure needs arising from growth.
7. A key action is the initiation of a study by a transport consultant as to whether the connector road is to extend beyond Flaxley Road and link to Hawthorn Road as originally proposed or alternatively upgrade and possibly expand the existing road network in this area instead.
8. The study is to include the opportunity for input from key stakeholders prior to any decision making.
9. The final process for decision making on this issue is not yet entirely clear.

#### Wastewater

10. Investigations continue in relation to possible approaches to the provision of wastewater.
11. Council is continuing to liaise with key stakeholders as part of these investigations.
12. Council investigations are predicated upon achieving overall desired community outcomes and maximising existing Council assets to achieve efficiency and cost effectiveness.

#### MDPA Land Owners

13. Selected individual land owners have been targeted by Council where the land is of potential significance for the purposes of infrastructure, or stormwater management etc.
14. Council officers are meeting with these land owners to brief them on infrastructure planning and this has been well received.
15. Planning is underway for Council to stage a further information forum for all MDPAs collectively. This is likely to occur in spring.

Plans

16. The preparation of Master Plans for the MDPA land area is proceeding in liaison with key stakeholders.
17. Key elements are infrastructure, open space including trail networks, and stormwater management.

Deputy Premier Meeting

18. The most recent meeting between the Mayor and the Deputy Premier the Hon John Rau MP was held on Tuesday 31 July 2012.
19. The Deputy Premier made very clear his commitment to support the growth process to achieve good community outcomes.
20. The meeting was constructive with the issue of wastewater occupying nearly all of the discussion time.
21. SA Water has reviewed its position and is now going to progress the assessment of selected options via the previously short listed 2 consortia that were selected by them following the Request for Proposal process.
22. The Deputy Premier provided a very brief update in respect of the two strategic land parcels previously raised with him by the Mayor being the vacant Crown land adjacent to the TAFE/Library and the former Flaxley Research Centre site.
23. Some progress has been made in clarifying the possibility of these becoming available for new uses with further work still to be undertaken.

Community Engagement:

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Policy:

Not applicable.

Budget:

Direct budget provision in 2012/13 for growth management operating initiatives is \$320,000.

**Statutory/Legal:**

Not applicable.

**Staff Resource Requirements:**

Significant resources continue to be applied to managing growth.

**Environmental:**

Not applicable.

**Social:**

Not applicable.

**Risk Assessment:**

Not applicable.

**Asset Management:**

Not applicable.

**Conclusion:**

Infrastructure planning is steadily progressing although the task is challenging due to the significant number of unknowns that are currently applicable.

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**Attachments**

Nil

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