

3. Social Planning Committee Nominations

Following a review in 2008 Council has received six nominations for the Social Planning Committee.

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BACKGROUND

The Social Planning Committee was established to assist Council to develop its social and plans and to provide advice on the implementation of strategies to address the issues identified in those plans.

10 It is important to maintain a dynamic Social Planning Committee to ensure that the social implications of Council business are considered. This is particularly important in the context of the State Governments integration of Social Planning into the broader planning framework for Local Government.

The Council undertook a review of the Social Planning Committee in 2008 to make the Committee more strategic and effective. The main recommendations adopted by Council were to reduce the number of people on the committee to seven, to the number of meetings to quarterly, and for the committee to adopt an advisory role on community issues.

20 The Social Planning Committee will meet four times per year to provide input and advice into the development of strategies to address social and community issues, these strategies would then be implemented by Council staff and other identified agencies outside of Council.

A total of six nominations were received for positions available on the Committee. These nominations have been summarised in a separate confidential memo to Councillors.

Members elected to the current Social Planning Committee will have a term of two years.

ISSUES

Policy

30 The Social Planning Committee plays a role in the review of policies relating to a range of issues and provides input into Council's processes.

Social / Cultural

The Social Planning Committee is a key community liaison committee for the Council in relation to social issues. The new role for the Committee in liaising with other agencies is critical as many of the State, Federal and non government sector groups are

responsible for the service delivery in this area. The Social Planning Committee will also play a key role in the development of the integrated community strategic planning process now required by the State Government.

Strategic

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The Social Planning Committee is a key community committee in development of strategic planning processes.

Consultation

The Committee is also a key consultation mechanism for social issues.

Financial

There is no financial impact from the establishment of the Committee.

Resources (including staff)

Liaison with the Committee is supported through a range of existing staff.

Operational Plan

This action achieves the direction of the current operational plan.

CONCLUSION

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The Social Planning Committee is an important tool for Council in developing links to the human services sector and the broader community. The six successful applicants will ensure the Committee continues to be an effective and strategic arm of Council in matters relating to social and community issues.

RECOMMENDATION

That the following people be appointed to the vacant positions on the Social Planning Committee:-

- (names to be inserted at the meeting)

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