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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The purpose of this report and its attachment is to demonstrate the progress against the Wollondilly Community Strategic Plan 2033 overarching strategic objectives, with consideration to resource limitations and reliance on other government agencies to deliver outcomes for the community.
- Under the Department of Local Government's Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Framework, Council is required to prepare an end-of-term report outlining how Council has progressed in achieving the broad objectives of the Community Strategic Plan 2033 (CSP).
- It is recommended:
 - That Council adopt this report as its end-of-term report, to be submitted to the Department of Local Government.
 - That the end-of-term report be posted on Council's website so as to report to the community progress towards the achievement of the CSP's strategic outcomes.
 - That Council report to external agencies the gaps identified in the review so as to advocate for those issues to be resolved.
 - That this end of term report be used to inform the development of the new term of Councils review of the Community Strategic Plan.

REPORT

The Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework for local Councils in NSW was introduced by the Department of Local Government in 2009.

The IP&R framework requires Councils to focus on long term strategic planning and to set priorities and aspirations through community consultation. Integral to this approach is the requirement to prepare a long-term CSP. The CSP sets broad directions for a minimum of 10 years and is the highest level plan that a Council prepares in partnership with the community. (Council elected to prepare a 20 year plan when it produced the current CSP).

This CSP captures the strengths and key issues facing our Shire. The Strategies in the plan provide the community and council with a focus and direction for achieving the outcomes we all want.

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Our community expects leadership from Council therefore supporting the CSP is Council's 10-year Resourcing Strategy and a 4-year Delivery Plan (which outlines Council's commitment to the implementation of the CSP and which is aligned with the 4 year term of Council). Attached to the 4-year Delivery Plan is Council's annual Operational Plan.

The end-of-term report is the outgoing Council's report to the community and is designed to inform the incoming Council's review of the CSP which should occur within 9 months of its election.

The end of term report must include how Council is progressing towards achieving the social, environmental, economic and civic leadership objectives of the CSP and where the objectives are not being met the report should address the impediments and how these might be overcome in the future.

Although the CSP outlines roles and actions for other agencies and the Community, the report focuses on the initiatives that Council has direct control over. Nevertheless the contribution of other agencies towards the achievement of strategic outcomes will be included where possible. Similarly the report provides an opportunity to report to external agencies the gaps identified in the review so as to advocate for those issues to be resolved.

The end-of-term report is not solely a report to the Department of Local Government, but importantly an opportunity to report to the community on progress towards the achievement of the CSP's strategic outcomes.

The end-of-term report is not intended to be a detailed report on Council's actions in the Delivery Plan and Operational Plan as this is the focus of the Annual Report that is published every year in November.

In June 2013, following significant community engagement and consultation, Council adopted and agreed on future directions and established actions for the community and Council to implement. Five key themes were established, each within set outcomes. These are:

Looking after the Community

Outcomes:

1. Access to a range of activities, services and facilities
2. A connected and supported community

Accountable & Transparent Governance

Outcomes:

1. Government, community and business talking and working together
2. A Council that demonstrates good business management and ethical conduct

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Caring for the Environment

Outcomes:

1. Our local environment that is valued and protected
2. A community that interacts with and cares for the environment

Building a strong local economy

Outcome:

1. A Strong local economy providing employment and other opportunities

Management and Provision of Infrastructure

Outcomes:

1. Safe, maintained and effective infrastructure
2. Access to a range of transport options

The end-of-term-report is structured around these five themes and nine outcomes. The report details the high level performance measures for each of the 5 themes and some key headline achievements to demonstrate how Wollondilly Shire Council (and other agencies) have worked towards achieving the strategies listed in the CSP. An analysis and assessment of progress towards the long term goals are provided in the report.

CONSULTATION

The compilation of this report and the attached end-of-term report has involved consultation with Council's Executive and Management staff.

It is recommended that the end-of-term report be placed on Council's website so as to report to the community on what Council and other agencies have done in relation to the objectives of the Wollondilly Community Strategic Plan 2033.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This matter has no adverse financial impact on Council's adopted budget or forward estimates as projects and actions are budgeted for in Council's Operational Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

1. The End of Term Report to be provided under a separate cover.

RECOMMENDATION

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3. That Council report to external agencies the gaps identified in the review so as to advocate for those issues to be resolved.
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