



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

12th December 2006

GM3 CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN
FILE: 339 AVB {Folio No. *}

SUMMARY:

To report on progress of the public consultation in respect of the Corporate Strategic Plan.



DESCRIPTION:

Council is in the process of a major review of its Corporate Strategic Plan and has developed a long term Financial Plan as part of that process.

Both the current Corporate Plan and draft Financial Plan have been on exhibition and a number of workshops have been held with the community to allow them to review progress under the current plan and to give them the opportunity to have input into the path we should be taking over the next 10+ years.

Workshops have been facilitated by Leonie Grant from ETC and have been held at: -

Willawarrin	13th November
Kempsey	15th November
Crescent Head	21st November
South West Rocks	27th November (Two Meetings)
Stuarts Point	28th November
Aboriginal Liaison committee	4th December
Smithtown	5th December

Attendance at the workshops has been small but a lot of information provided. It is hoped that the community will take advantage of filling out the feedback forms made available at locations in each village and available on Council's website. The closing date for submissions is the 19th January 2007.

After this date all submissions received and the input from the workshops will be analysed and a draft Strategic Plan prepared for Council. To assist in this process each workshop has been asked to nominate a person to serve on a Focus Group. It is also intended to have Councillors and staff as part of the Focus Group.

As Councillors are aware the Department of Local Government has published a position paper on Integrated Planning and Reporting. I have no doubt that Option 3 will be the preferred model and this Council's integrated planning of a Long Term Plan supported by a long term Financial Plan, a delivery program, an Operational Plan and an Annual Report substantially follows what the Department is suggesting. I will be encouraging the Focus Group to develop the draft Strategic Plan along the lines of Option 3 other than incorporating the Social Plan and the State of the Environment Report into the Strategic Plan as these plans still need to be produced until the legislation is changed.

There are seven community members on the Focus Group and it is suggested that there be two or three Councillors and two or three staff.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

The long term Strategic Plan will outline Council's environmental direction for the next 10+ years.

- ***Social***

The long term Strategic Plan will outline Council's social direction for the next 10+ years.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

The long term Strategic Plan will outline Council's economic direction for the next 10+ years.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

Nil

- ***General Manager's Review***

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council appoint representatives to the Strategic Plan Focus Group.

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GENERAL MANAGER