NOTICE OF THE
CITY PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, 22 July, 2020
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Logan Entertainment Centre
170 Wembley Road, Logan Central

Committee Members:
Councillor Raven (Chairperson)
Councillor Stemp (Deputy Chairperson)
Councillor Murphy (Deputy Chairperson)
Councillor Bradley
Councillor Lane
Councillor Russell
Councillor Koranski
Councillor Hall
Councillor Frazer
Councillor Heremaia
Councillor Bannan
Councillor Willcocks
His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Power
1. Welcome

2. Acknowledgement of Country

3. Leave of Absence

4. Economic Development & Strategy
   4.1 Submission on Economic Recovery Initiative
   4.2 Community Engagement Toolkit for Strategic Planning

5. Director of Innovation & City Transformation
   5.1 Local Government Association of Queensland Attendance and Motions for 124th Annual Conference
   5.2 Covering Report - Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program

6. Confidential Documentation
   This section includes any supporting confidential documentation relating to specified Committee reports.
   6.1 Confidential Attachment - Community Engagement Toolkit for Strategic Planning
   6.2 Confidential Report - Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program
4.1 SUBMISSION ON ECONOMIC RECOVERY INITIATIVE

REPORT OF: Economic Development & Strategy Manager

REPORT OVERVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Queensland Government proposes a number of changes to the planning framework to aid the state’s economic recovery. These changes are intended to facilitate business activity by streamlining processes for local government, businesses and the development industry. The Queensland Government is seeking feedback on these proposed changes until 7 August 2020. It is proposed that the Director of Strategy and Sustainability be delegated authority to prepare a submission to the Queensland Government on Council’s behalf to ensure that the proposed reform appropriately considers Logan’s planning context.

Criteria: Policy development and decision-making - For the benefit of the local government area

CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITY

Conveniently Connected

RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED:

That the Director of Strategy and Sustainability be authorised to prepare a submission to Queensland Treasury regarding the Economic Recovery Initiative, as detailed in the report of the Economic Development & Strategy Manager dated 22 July 2020.

REPORT DETAILS

INTERESTED PARTIES

Parties with interests in the matters outlined in this report include:

- Residents and landowners;
- Business owners;
- Development industry;
- Council’s Development Assessment branch;
- Council’s Economic Development & Strategy branch;
- Queensland Government.

PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Queensland Government proposes a number of changes to the planning framework to aid the state’s economic recovery. These changes are intended to facilitate business activity by streamlining processes for local government, businesses and the development industry.
Between 8 July and 7 August 2020, the Queensland Government is seeking feedback on changes specifically to the Development Assessment Rules, the Minister’s Guidelines and Rules and the Planning Regulation 2017. An overview of the changes proposed in these three planning instruments is provided below.

Development Assessment Rules

The Development Assessment Rules (DA Rules) is an instrument that sets the requirements for how development applications are assessed in Queensland. It outlines the process for lodging, assessing and deciding an application and, importantly, how public notification ought to be conducted.

Three changes are proposed to the DA Rules, being:

- Revising the newspaper requirements for the public notification of development applications to allow for notification to be carried out via online newspapers in areas where hardcopy newspapers are not circulated;
- Simplifying and standardising the visual presentation of public notification signage to improve understanding of proposed development; and
- Broadening the range of people directly notified about proposed development by expanding the requirement to provide written notice to adjoining landowners to also include adjoining tenants.

Minister’s Guidelines and Rules

The Minister’s Guidelines and Rules (MGR) sets out the processes and procedural requirements for plan-making, including making and amending planning schemes, local government infrastructure plans (LGIPs) and ministerial and local government designations.

Two changes are proposed to the MGR, being:

- Streamlining the process for ministerial and local government infrastructure designations to enable the delivery of critical infrastructure; and
- Allowing local governments to more effectively and frequently make interim LGIP amendments to ensure alignment with planning scheme amendments.

Planning Regulation 2017

The Planning Regulation 2017 is a key legislative instrument under the Planning Act 2016 that supports the plan-making and development assessment frameworks. The Queensland Government proposes temporary changes to the Planning Regulation 2017 that aim to facilitate the removal of unnecessary barriers for low risk uses and encourage investment as soon as possible while aligning with community expectations. The amendments are proposed to have effect for 12 months and will not be mandatory for local governments. Rather, a local government will need to ‘opt in’ to adopt the changes.

Five temporary changes are proposed to the Planning Regulation 2017, being:

- Exempting tenancy changes within an existing building from planning approval where the business is expected in that zone and only minor building work will occur (for example, if a tenancy that was previously a cafe becomes a hairdresser, no development permit would be required);
- Reducing the level of assessment for certain land uses where the use is anticipated in that zone (for example, a shop within a centre zone would be a maximum of code assessable as it is a likely and expected use within this zone);
• Allowing businesses to make minor expansions (up to 100m² of gross floor area) without planning approval;

• Allowing low risk uses in rural and tourism zones that support local economies to operate as accepted development (for example, nature-based tourism in a rural area would not require planning approval); and

• Clarifying that temporary events, such as a weekend market in a carpark or a school fete at a school, do not require planning approval.

With respect to the above proposed temporary changes, it should be noted that the Logan Planning Scheme 2015 (the planning scheme) already makes provision for a number of these planning positions. For example, the planning scheme allows development in many non-residential zones to be undertaken without planning approval where no building work is proposed.

In addition, the Queensland Government has extended all timeframes for undertaking approved development for six months under s275R of the Planning Act 2016. This six month extension applies to all development permits given under both the Planning Act 2016 and Sustainable Planning Act 2009.

ANY PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISIONS

There are no previous Council decisions relevant to the matters outlined in this report.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial or resource implications associated with the matters outlined in this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no known risks associated with the matters outlined in this report.

LEGAL/POLICY

There are no legal or policy concerns affecting the matters outlined in this report.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

Community consultation has not been undertaken in the preparation of this report. It should be noted, however, that the Queensland Government’s proposed changes to the planning framework are open to the community for feedback.

CONCLUSION

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Queensland Government proposes a number of changes to the planning framework to aid the state’s economic recovery. These changes are intended to facilitate business activity by streamlining processes for local government, businesses and the development industry. Changes are proposed to three planning instruments, being the Development Assessment Rules, the Minister’s Guidelines and Rules and the Planning Regulation 2017. The Queensland Government is seeking feedback on these proposed changes until 7 August 2020. Upon detailed review of the proposed changes, it is proposed the Director of Strategy and Sustainability make a submission on Council’s behalf to ensure that the proposed reform appropriately considers Logan’s planning context.

ATTACHMENTS TABLE

No attachments.
REPORT OVERVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Queensland Government regulation outlines statutory requirements for public consultation that must be carried out by a local government for new planning schemes or planning scheme amendments. There are also non-statutory opportunities for Council to engage with key stakeholders and communities in advance of, or during formal planning processes. To ensure that Council’s planning consultation remains relevant and exceeds all requirements, the Economic Development and Strategy Branch commissioned consultants Ethos Urban to review best practice community engagement processes undertaken by other organisations specifically for planning purposes. A Community Engagement Toolkit for Strategic Planning was subsequently prepared to provide Council with a practical guide for community engagement associated with planning and planning related activities.

Criteria: Policy development and decision-making - For the benefit of the local government area

CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITY

Image and Identity

Submitted under separate cover is confidential documentation relating to the above matter. This documentation is considered confidential due to the following reason: "The confidential attachments are considered Commercial in Confidence as they have been prepared by an external Business for the purposes of internal Council use only."

RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED:

1. That the use of the Community Engagement Toolkit for Strategic Planning as a guide for planning and planning related public consultation, be endorsed.

2. That the confidential attachments, as attached to the report of the Economic Development & Strategy Manager dated 22 July 2020, be deemed confidential and be treated as such in accordance with sections 171 and 200 of the Local Government Act 2009 and that the documents remain confidential.

REPORT DETAILS

INTERESTED PARTIES

Interested Parties include Councillors, Community Groups, Landowners and Developers.
PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

The Minister’s Guidelines and Rules (MGR) under the Planning Act 2016, prescribes mandatory public consultation requirements that must be carried out by a local government for either a new planning scheme or for amendments to a planning scheme once a formal planning process has commenced.

From the commencement of the Logan Planning Scheme 2015 (LPS) in May 2015 and the twenty-seven LPS amendments to date, Council has always carried out the regulated public consultation activities. Council has also undertaken non-statutory community engagement primarily for local plans or for master planning centres across Logan.

In order to enhance Council’s engagement with the community around planning and planning related matters, consultants Ethos Urban were commissioned in February 2020 to provide Council with a best practice engagement framework. The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the work undertaken by Ethos Urban.

In preparing the ‘Engagement Case Study Report for Strategic Planning’ (Attachment One), a review was carried out on best practice community engagement being undertaken by other organisations, specifically for four planning topics. These topics were:

- Future planning and city-wide engagement;
- Targeting key stakeholders (including indigenous communities);
- Miscellaneous planning scheme amendments; and
- Local area planning.

For each topic, at least one case study displaying best practice was chosen, with each study evaluated against criteria such as the engagement approach, awareness raising techniques used, the audience, timeframes and costs and an analysis of the actual outcomes achieved with key learnings.

The ‘Engagement Case Study Report for Strategic Planning’ provides a summary of each case study and includes a review of engagement activities such as:

- Brisbane City Council’s ‘Plan your Brisbane’;
- The City of Greater Bendigo’s ‘Advisory Committee framework’;
- Queensland Government’s ‘Working with Indigenous and Traditional Landowners’ for ShapingSEQ;
- Engagement undertaken by other Queensland local governments for planning scheme amendments; and
- ‘The Northern and Western Growth Area Framework’. City of Greater Geelong’s Local plans and growth areas.

Supporting the preparation of the ‘Community Engagement Toolkit for Strategic Planning’ (the toolkit) (Attachment Two) were the various case studies undertaken, as well as other State Government frameworks including the ‘Toolkit for Community Engagement in Planning’ prepared by the former Department for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.
The toolkit provides Council with a guide for community engagement associated with strategic planning, policy development and plan making activities that lead to new planning schemes and / or planning scheme amendments. Underpinning the toolkit are five key engagement principles for Council to ensure are embedded in all public consultation and community engagement practices, including best interests of the community, inclusivity, genuineness, timeliness and transparency. At a practical level, the toolkit sets out a process and framework for community engagement with different engagement tools and techniques associated with the various informal and formal planning phases.

ANY PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISIONS

There are no previous Council decisions associated with Council endorsing the Community Engagement Toolkit for Strategic Planning as a guide for planning and planning related public consultation.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial or resource implications associated with Council endorsing the Community Engagement Toolkit for Strategic Planning as a guide for planning and planning related public consultation, however, if Councils intends to undertake deep community engagement in the preparation of the Logan Planning Scheme 2025 and engagement via a range of different methods, there will be an financial impact which will require funding outside of the Economic Development and Strategy’s branches recurrent branch funding.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risks associated with Council endorsing the Community Engagement Toolkit for Strategic Planning as a guide for planning and planning related public consultation.

LEGAL/POLICY

Meaningful community engagement is identified in the Local Government Act 2009 as a guiding principle for local government.

The MGR under the Planning Act 2016, prescribes the following requirements for when a local government has commenced a formal planning process for a new planning scheme or planning scheme amendment:

- The minimum number of days that a new planning scheme or amendment must be on public consultation. This is also the time period for the public to be able to make formal submissions.

- The local government must publish a public notice about the planning scheme or amendment that includes information about the amendment, where the amendment can be viewed, and information about how and where submissions can be made.

- Must be in accordance with the communications strategy given by the Minister.

The MGR does not prescribe statutory requirements for public consultation for when a local government is undertaking non-statutory or other planning related community engagement which exceeds the requirements outlined above.

The City of Logan Community Engagement Strategy 2017-2021 (the Strategy) underpins Council’s commitment to engaging Logan’s community which is identified as a priority of the 2017-2022 Corporate Plan. The Strategy also responds to the Local Government Act 2009 for local government to conduct meaningful engagement. The Strategy was taken into account for the preparation of the ‘Community Engagement Toolkit for Strategic Planning’.
COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

The Customer Experience and Community Engagement Branch provided advice in the preparation of the consultancy brief and at the project inception meeting with Ethos Urban. The Customer Experience and Community Engagement Branch also reviewed the final draft ‘Community Engagement Toolkit for Strategic Planning’ report.

CONCLUSION

To ensure Council enhances its planning and planning related interactions with the community in a meaningful way, the ‘Community Engagement Toolkit for Strategic Planning’ provides a guide to be used as the basis for best practice consultation.

ATTACHMENTS TABLE


5.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND ATTENDANCE AND MOTIONS FOR 124TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

REPORT OF: Director of Innovation & City Transformation

REPORT OVERVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement for the following:

a) Nomination of delegate/s to attend the 124th Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Annual Conference to be held on the Gold Coast from 19-21 October, 2020.

b) Motions to be submitted for inclusion on the LGAQ conference agenda.

Criteria: Direction - It requires Council to make a decision of a strategic nature; or Council has specifically requested it

CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITY

Next Generation Governance

RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED:

1. That the motion to lobby the State and Federal Governments to engage with local governments to explore how maintenance costs could be included in funding arrangements for new facilities or upgrades, as attached to the report of the Director of Innovation & City Transformation dated 22 July 2020, be endorsed.

2. That the motion to lobby the State and Federal Governments to provide dedicated funding to support upgrades to public buildings to meet current Accessibility standards, as attached to the report of the Director of Innovation & City Transformation dated 22 July 2020, be endorsed.

3. That the motion to lobby the Queensland Government to provide clarity on the future of the waste levy advance payment, as attached to the report of the Director of Innovation & City Transformation dated 22 July 2020, be endorsed.

4. That the motion to lobby the Queensland Government to release its State Waste Infrastructure Plan, as attached to the report of the Director of Innovation & City Transformation dated 22 July 2020, be endorsed.

5. That the Director of Innovation & City Transformation be requested to ensure that the motions, as detailed in Clauses 1 to 4 above, be submitted for consideration at the 2020 Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference by 10 August 2020.

6. That His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Power and/or his delegate/s, be authorised to attend the 2020 LGAQ Annual Conference to be held on the Gold Coast from 19-21 October 2020, as the approved voting delegate/s on behalf of Council.

7. That funding for attendance at the 2020 LGAQ Annual Conference be sourced from the Advocacy Program budget.
REPORT DETAILS

INTERESTED PARTIES

Not applicable.

PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

The LGAQ 124th Annual Conference will be held at the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre from 19-21 October 2020. LGAQ has invited Councils to submit motions for consideration at the conference.

The LGAQ is the peak body for local government in Queensland. Held annually, the LGAQ conference brings together all Queensland councils to debate issues of importance to local communities. The conference is attended by Mayors, Councillors, CEO’s and Senior Managers, State Government and peak body representatives from across Queensland. The theme of this year’s conference is ‘NextGen Councils’.

The conference provides participants with the opportunity to:

- Immerse themselves in the challenges facing local government and their communities;
- Debate and vote on new policy; and
- Network and learn.

Conference Motions

Motions have been called for and are due to LGAQ by Monday, 10 August 2020.

The following motions are recommended to be put forward by Council for consideration. Consultation has been undertaken with all relevant Managers and Directors in identifying and drafting proposed motions.

1. Lobby the State and Federal Government to engage with local governments to explore how maintenance costs could be included in funding arrangements for new facilities or upgrades. (Doc Id: 13873788 - attached as a background paper to this report).

2. Lobby the State and Federal Government to provide dedicated funding to support upgrades to public buildings to meet current Accessibility standards. (Doc Id: 13876560 - attached as a background paper to this report).

3. Lobby the Queensland Government to provide clarity on the future of the waste levy advance payment. (Doc Id: 13880243 - attached as a background paper to this report).

4. Lobby the Queensland Government to release its State Waste Infrastructure Plan (Doc Id: 13902591 - attached as a background paper to this report).

ANY PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISIONS

Council at its meeting of 29 April 2020, Resolution No 38/2020, finalised the appointment of Logan City Council representatives to boards and other external organisations.

It was endorsed that the LGAQ representatives would be:

- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Darren Power
- Councillor Jon Raven
- Councillor Jacob Heremaia
FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
Council receives two free delegate registrations in line with its membership to the LGAQ. Sufficient funds are available in the Advocacy Program budget to cover any additional conference or accommodation costs as required.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS
Not applicable.

LEGAL/POLICY
Not applicable.

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION
Not applicable.

CONCLUSION
It is proposed that Council sends His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Power and/or his delegate/s, as representatives to attend the 2020 LGAQ Annual Conference on the Gold Coast, including voting on behalf of Council and the motions, as outlined above, be considered for submission.

ATTACHMENTS TABLE

1. LGAQ 2020 - Motion - Whole of Life Funding (Doc Id: 13873788)
2. LGAQ 2020 - Motion - Access and Inclusion Funding (Doc Id: 13876560)
3. LGAQ 2020 - Motion - Future of the Waste Levy Advance Payment (Doc Id: 13880243)
4. LGAQ 2020 - Motion - State Waste Infrastructure Plan (Doc Id: 13902591)
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<td><strong>Background</strong></td>
<td>Local governments in Queensland have responsibilities under the Federal Disability Discrimination Act (1992); Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act (1991) and Queensland Human Rights Act (2019) to provide equal access to Council services and facilities for people with disabilities. To achieve these responsibilities Councils create Disability Action Plans.</td>
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Councils must also ensure that new buildings are constructed to meet the national building standards on accessibility. These include: Australian Standard 1428 – 2008 design for access and mobility; Building Codes Australia requirements for access for people with disabilities; Disability (Access to Premises – Buildings) Standards 2010.

All Council buildings are built to meet accessibility standards at the time of their construction. However, as the standards change over time, there are many existing buildings that do not meet the current accessibility standards, and community expectations of accessibility.

In February 2019, disability access audits were undertaken on various council facilities. Logan City Council engaged the services of an independent consultant to assess the signage, car parking, entrance and mobility, stairs, doors, ramps, floor surfaces and toilets and showers against the current ‘access to premise’ standards. A list of recommendations and cost estimate was provided for each facility. To complete the basic recommendations...
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| Local governments provide essential services and facilities to the local community. With 5.2% of Queenslanders requiring assistance with a profound or severe disability (Queensland Government Statistician's Office), and one in five Australians with a disability (Australian Human Rights Commission) accessible services and facilities are vital to ensure inclusion and participation for all. Section 23 of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requires non-discriminatory access to premises which the public or a section of the public is entitled or allowed to use. While services and facilities do not meet the community expectations, Councils are open to complaints of discrimination from community members. The DDA does provide a defence if the removal of the barrier would result in an unjustifiable hardship.

To improve compliance, some facilities require small adaptations to meet current accessibility standards. Other facilities require more significant re-design and structural changes to meet current building standards. All these adaptations need to be prioritised against other Council construction and maintenance schedules and budgets.

It is recommended that State and Federal Government provide dedicated funding to support upgrades to public buildings to meet current accessibility standards, improving access and inclusion across Queensland's communities.

the total cost to Council, and the rate-payer would be over $2million.
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#### Background
Council is responsible for the delivery of new and upgraded community, sport and recreation facilities. Often funding is supported by State and Federal governments. The design process, and subsequently funding, needs to include whole of life costs and not just focus on construction costs, as this is only part of the picture.

A recent example is the construction of a new community facility at Cronulla Park. The construction cost is approximately $14 million. According to best practice building maintenance, annually a minimum of 2.5% of the building Asset Replacement Value (ARV) should be either spent, or added to a sinking fund for the facility. This means that the $350,000 per year over the course of the building’s lifecycle needs to be allocated for each year’s maintenance budget. The current funding provided by State Government for this project ($6.6M) covers only capital costs, the maintenance of the building will be left for Council and/or the proposed lessee.

#### What is the desired outcome sought?
Local governments are increasingly considering whole of lifecycle costs of Council assets prior to the approval of new expenditure. This supports financial sustainability and good governance outcomes for local government. However, there is a risk that new facilities that support community outcomes, such as community, sport and recreation facilities, will not be constructed if Council is unable to identify that the on-going maintenance costs can be met.
With community, sporting and recreation facilities either under the management of local governments, or leased to community and not-for-profit organisations, the maintenance costs are either born by Council or not-for-profit organisations. The State and Federal Government provide essential financial support to local governments, often through grants, to support the construction of new or upgraded facilities. Yet, this financial contribution is only limited to the construction.

Without adequate maintenance budgets there is the risk that initial investments will not fulfil their potential and buildings could fall into disrepair, wasting taxpayer dollars.

It is recommended that State and Federal Governments to engage with local governments to explore how maintenance costs could be included in funding arrangement for new facilities or upgrades.
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<td>As part of the implementation of the waste levy, the Queensland Government’s position was that the waste levy would have no direct impact to householders. This was achieved primarily through the implementation of a waste levy advance payment to local governments which effectively offset the waste levy liability from municipal solid waste collected by Councils. It is unclear as to how long this advance payment arrangement will be in place. It is understood that the advance payment to local governments does not appear in Qld government forward budget estimates beyond 2022. Removal of the waste levy advance payment would have significant impact on residents and ratepayers.</td>
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# Queensland State Waste Infrastructure Plan

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<td>One of the Queensland Government’s actions under its Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy is to <em>Develop a coherent state-wide waste infrastructure planning framework and regional infrastructure plans</em>. It is understood that the State Waste Infrastructure Plan was prepared and submitted to the Department of Environment &amp; Science in 2019, however it has not yet been released. This is a critical strategic document for local government to assist with their own strategic waste planning.</td>
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5.2 **Covering Report**  
*Refer to Confidential Agenda in accordance with Section 275 (1) (c) of the Local Government Regulation 2012*

**LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM**

**REPORT OF:** Director of Innovation & City Transformation

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**REPORT OVERVIEW**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council’s direction on how funding allocated under the ‘Local Road and Community Infrastructure’ program valued at $3,487,130 should be spent.

**Criteria:**  
- **Direction** - It requires Council to make a decision of a strategic nature; or Council has specifically requested it

**CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITY**  
- Quality Lifestyles

Submitted under separate cover is confidential documentation relating to the above matter. This documentation is considered confidential due to the following reason: "Due to information pertaining to the 2020/2021 local government budget."

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED:-**

For consideration.

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**REPORT DETAILS**

**INTERESTED PARTIES**

The Australian Government, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND**

On 22 May 2020, the Australian Government announced a new $500 million ‘Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program’ for local government to create jobs and help local economies recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The program is part of the $1.8 billion boost for road and community projects that included bringing forward the 2020-21 Financial Assistance Grant payment.

The objective of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program is to enable local council’s fast-track delivery of priority road and community infrastructure projects including upgrades and maintenance. It is an allocation-based (non-competitive) funding program calculated according to population size and road length based on recommendations of Local Government Grants Commissions. Logan City Council is confirmed to receive an allocation of $3,487,130.
On 25 June 2020, the Australian Government released the guidelines for the grant money. Eligible projects will need to deliver community benefits including improved safety, accessibility and visual amenity. Projects will need to be additional to an existing works program to ensure funds provided by the program are not substituted in place of existing funding sources identified for a project. The program will run from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2021, with projects required to be physically completed by 30 June 2021. Where the local government contributes at least fifty per cent towards the total cost of the project, construction activity may then be undertaken until 30 June 2022, as long as the Australian Government’s contribution covers the cost of construction activity to 30 June 2021.

Eligible projects include:

- Local roads that involve the construction or maintenance of road managed by Council; and
- Community infrastructure projects that involve construction, maintenance and/or improvements to council-owned assets (including natural assets) that are generally accessible to the public.

Council received a Letter of Offer and Grant Agreement, detailing that acceptance of the grant must be signed and submitted by 31 July 2020 otherwise this offer will lapse. A legally binding agreement will be created once the Grant Agreement has also been signed by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.

**ANY PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISIONS**

This information is confidential and is included in the confidential attachments to this report.

**FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

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**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There is a risk that the Australian Government may not approve funding to be directed to Council’s preferred projects. This risk has been mitigated as far as possible through engagement with the Department and adherence to the eligibility requirements outlined in the program guidelines.

**LEGAL/POLICY**

As with all external funding, any grant received by Council has stringent reporting and acquittal obligations that must be adhered to.

**COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION**

Relevant ELT members and Managers responsible for capital works projects have been engaged as part of drafting this report. Engagement has also occurred with representatives from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.

**CONCLUSION**

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**ATTACHMENTS TABLE**

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