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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The purpose of this report is to provide information on the Second Quarterly Review of 2015/16 Operational Plan including the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ending 31 December 2015.
- The document reports detailed information on progress and outcomes on all of Council's activities, actions and projects as set out in the Operational Plan. This report is Council's advice back to the Community on what we have delivered, what's on track, at risk or undelivered as at 31 December 2015 and provides an examination of the financial and operational performance of Council for the second quarter of the 2015/16 financial year.
- It is recommended that the information provided in this report be received and that the Quarterly Review, including the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ending 31 December 2015 and proposed adjustments to the 2015/16 budget estimates, be adopted.

REPORT

The Quarterly Review reports on progress in respect of the principle activities and actions detailed in the Delivery Program and Operational Plan. The 6 month Progress Report provides detailed information on progress and outcomes on all of Council's activities, actions and projects as set out in the Operational Plan. This report is Council's advice back to the Community on what we have delivered, what's on track, at risk or undelivered as at 31 December 2015.

The Quarterly Review document includes Council's Quarterly Budget Review statement which measures Council's financial health as we progress through the year. It needs to adequately disclose Council's overall financial position and provide sufficient information to enable Councillors to make informed and transparent decisions. It is also a means by which Councillors can ensure that Council remains on track to meet its objectives, targets and outcomes as set out in the Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

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The Office of Local Government has prescribed that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement includes (as a minimum) the following components:

- Statement by the Responsible Accounting Officer on Council's financial position at the end of the year based on the information in the review documents.
- Income & Expenses Statement, showing the original and revised budgets, along with any changes proposed in the current Quarterly Review. Actual income & expenditure to date is also required to be shown.
- Explanation for material variations between the revised budget and projected year end result and likely impacts of the variation.
- Capital Budget, also showing the original and revised budgets, along with any changes proposed in the current Quarterly Review. Actual income and expenditure to date is also required to be shown.
- Explanation for variations between the revised capital budget and projected year end result and likely impacts of the variation.
- Cash and investments position.
- Key Performance Indicators.
- Contracts entered into during the quarter (>\$50,000).
- Expenditure to date for Consultancies and external Legal Fees.

Collectively, these documents form the Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS).

Clause 203 (1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires a Quarterly Budget Review Statement to be submitted to Council within two months after the end of each quarter (except the June quarter).

This is the second Quarterly Review of Council's 2015/16 Operational Plan, which in turn contributes to the delivery of Council's four year Delivery Program and the 20 year Community Strategic Plan. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the document, including the Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) for the period ending 31 December 2015 is presented for Council's consideration.

The Quarterly Review document (including the QBRS) provides a comprehensive report on all of Council's services. It provides transparency and accountability to Council and the Community on the delivery of Council's annual program of operational activities and capital projects.

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CONSULTATION

All members of the Executive and Senior Management have had input into the production of this review. The quarterly review including the Quarterly Budget Review Statement is an internally produced document that reports the progress of the 2015/16 Operational Plan. Therefore, in the preparation of this document there was no need for public consultation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The QBRS provides Council and the Community with information in relation to Council's projected financial position. Having regard to the projected budget estimates and the original budget, Council's financial position is considered to be satisfactory.

For the 2015/16 financial year, Council originally adopted a balanced working funds position (ie: no expected increase or decrease in the level of available funds). Budgetary adjustments identified during the second quarter have enabled Council to maintain its available working funds at a balanced position. Details of the proposed budget variations for the second quarter of the 2015/16 financial year are provided in the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ending 31 December 2015 (provided under separate cover).

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ending 31 December 2015 indicates that Council is progressing well in meeting the objectives contained within the 2015/16 Operational Plan.

A copy of the quarterly review document (including the QBRS) will be placed on Council's website.

ATTACHMENTS

1. There are no attachments to this report. The Quarterly Review including the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ending 31 December 2015 is provided under separate cover and will be publicly available by the Community Forum on Monday 8th February 2016.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the information provided in this report be received.
2. That the Quarterly Review, including the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ending 31 December 2015 and proposed adjustments to the 2015/16 budget estimates, be adopted.