

CS022 DRAFT STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN
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<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this item is to present the City's draft integrated strategic community plan for Council's consideration.

**PROponent:**

Not applicable.

**BACKGROUND:**

Amendments to the Local Government Act will soon result in local governments having to develop integrated strategic long term plans. By 1 July 2012, local governments must submit their integrated strategic plan to the Department of Local Government.

The Department has issued a guideline to all councils, demonstrating a prescribed timeline that should be followed to ensure that the strategic plan is adopted by Council by 1 July 2012. In order to maintain this timeline, the City has commenced this process with the development of a draft strategic plan. The City has engaged CAM Management Solutions (CAMS) to provide integrated planning software and assist in developing the plan.

The attached draft plan has been developed using existing planning documents. Amalgamation and associated inaugural elections have impacted on the timing of this process, however to ensure the City meets the Department's timeframe, it is intended that this plan be implemented as an interim measure, until such time as the City and the newly elected council is ready to commence further consultative processes and review its strategic direction.

Once the strategic community plan is finalised, the City will continue to develop operational team plans to support the achievements of the strategies set in the community plan.

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:**

Consultation has been undertaken in the development of the source documents used as a basis for this strategic plan.

This plan is based on '2029 and Beyond' consultation and the consultation undertaken by the former City of Geraldton-Greenough and Shire of Mullewa in developing their Plans for the Future.

**COUNCILLOR/OFFICER CONSULTATION:**

A workshop was held on 9 September with Commissioners and the City's Executive Management Team to finalise the draft plan.

**STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:**

The Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 will be amended with requirements for local government to adopt integrated strategic plans.

Currently, Section 5.56(1) and (2) of the Local Government Act requires that each local government is 'to plan for the future of the district', by developing plans in accordance with the regulations.

The new regulations will require local governments to develop and adopt two new planning instruments:

A Strategic Community Plan, and  
A Corporate Business Plan.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The integrated strategic plan has been developed in accordance with Council Policy 005 – Strategic Planning.

**FINANCIAL AND BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

The cost of this project is included in the current budget.

**STRATEGIC & REGIONAL OUTCOMES:****Strategic & Plan for the Future Outcomes:**

Key Result Area 4: Leading the Opportunities.

Outcome 4.1: Leadership in organisation and the community.

Strategy 4.1.3: Implement business and governance frameworks.

**Regional Outcomes:**

The strategic community plan will enable the City to provide relevant and realistic community benefits to the region.

**ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL & CULTURAL ISSUES:****Economic:**

The implementation of an integrated strategic plan will have positive effects on the regional economy by supporting key initiatives that promote Greater Geraldton.

**Social:**

Through this plan, the City aims to set long term initiatives to support the sustainable growth and development of the community.

**Environmental:**

The strategic plan incorporates the City's environmental sustainability practises and the implementation of local environmental sustainability projects.

**Cultural & Heritage:**

The plan acknowledges the area's cultural diversity and aims to protect its historical significance.

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

There are no relevant precedents.

**DELEGATED AUTHORITY:**

There is no delegated authority.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority is required.