



## **Ordinary Meeting of Council**

### **LATE REPORT**

**Wednesday 28 April 2021**

**4.00pm**

**Council Chambers**

**209 Comur Street, Yass**

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**GENERAL MANAGER**

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## 1.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - REGIONAL COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

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### SUMMARY

To inform to the decision to participate in the preparation of a *Regional Community Strategic Plan*.

### RECOMMENDATION

*That the decision to progress with the preparation of a Regional Community Strategic Plan be noted.*

### REPORT

In October 2016 Council agreed to partner with Goulburn Mulwaree and Upper Lachlan Shire Councils for the preparation of a joint Community Strategic Plan (CSP) required under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

This joint project resulted in the *Tablelands Regional Community Strategic Plan 2016-2036* which in turn was used to prepare Council's *Delivery Program 2017/18 – 2020/21* for the 4-year term of office.

Under the Shared Service Agreement between Goulburn Mulwaree, Upper Lachlan Shire and Yass Valley Councils the preparation of a second joint CSP, following expiry of the first plan, was identified as a project. All three Councils included in their endorsed *2019/20 Operational Plans* (and budgets) funds to contribute to a joint CSP.

As the 2020 Local Government Elections were postponed for 12 months the endorsed funds for the CSP were carried over into the current adopted 2020/21 budget.

With the postponement of the 2020 Local Government Elections several Councils in the CRJO region approach Goulburn Mulwaree, Upper Lachlan Shire and Yass Valley Councils to see if there was an opportunity for wider collaboration and cost savings on the preparation of a CSP.

In September 2020 the Canberra Region Joint Organisation's (CRJO) General Managers Advisory Group (GMAG) formally considered a Regional CSP taking into consideration the advantages of the *Tablelands Regional CSP* and the cost savings from this approach. GMAC determined to develop a whole of region CSP on an opt in basis.

In November 2020 GMAG endorsed a Request for Quotation proposal for the preparation of a Regional CSP. Taking into consideration to large and diverse geographic area of the region the format for the Regional CSP is to include the high level vision common to all participating Councils with a section specific to each Local Government Area.

The minutes of GMAG are presented to the CRJO Board meetings and in this case the outcome of the Regional CSP procurement process was reported to and endorsed by the CRJO Board. Agendas and Minutes of the CRJO Board are distributed to all Councillors.

The successful consultants have commenced work on the Regional CSP and taking into account the timing of progress payments the 2020/21 funds will be carried over into the 2021/22 budget.

The estimated cost for Council to undertake the preparation of a CSP on its own is approximately \$70,000. The contribution to the Regional CSP for Yass Valley Council is in the order of \$25,000.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil