

Director Governance & Financial Services Report No. GF30/13



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Introduction

Randwick City Council's formal position in relation to local government reform is no forced amalgamations, which was resolved in-line with the State Government's commitment.

A comprehensive submission is being prepared, on Council's behalf, in response to Independent Local Government Review Panel's Future Directions paper.

Issues

It is noted that a Councillors' Briefing session in relation to the Future Directions paper is planned for Tuesday 18 June 2013. Council's submission has been commenced and will be finalised after the Councillors' Briefing session to allow any additional comments from Councillors to be incorporated in the submission.

Council on 28 May 2013, resolved:

'(Nash/Roberts) that Council endorse the SGS report commissioned by the General Manager for formal submission to the Local Government Independent Review Panel.'

The SGS report will form part of Council's submission to the Independent Local Government Review Panel in response to the Future Directions paper.

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

- Outcome 1: Leadership in sustainability.
- Direction 1a: Council has a long-term vision based on sustainability.
- Direction 1c: Continuous improvement in service delivery based on accountability, transparency and good governance.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

The draft Council submission will be distributed (under separate cover) on Friday 21 June 2013.

The final date for submissions on the 'Future Directions' paper is 28 June 2013.

Recommendation

That the draft submission in relation to the Independent Local Government Review Panel's 'Future Directions for NSW Local Government – Twenty Essential Steps' paper be endorsed and submitted to the Review Panel by 28 June 2013.

Attachment/s:

1. Draft Council submission - Independent Local Government Review Panel's 'Future Directions for NSW Local Government – twenty Essential Steps' paper Included under separate cover