

Relevant Information for Council

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TO: Lord Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Bill Carter, Chief Financial Officer

THROUGH: Monica Barone, Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Information Relevant To Item 6.2 – Integrated Planning and Reporting Program and Budget 2018/19 – Adoption

That the Lord Mayor and Councillors note the information contained in this memo.

Background

At the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee on 18 June 2018, further information was sought regarding the Integrated Planning and Reporting Program and Budget 2018/19 – Adoption.

Information Relating to 2018 Resourcing Strategy - Asset Management Plan for Sporting Recreational Facilities

The 2018 Resourcing Strategy includes the annual update to the Asset Management Plan and addresses the requirements of the Integrated Planning and Reporting. Specific details on the condition, expenditure and forward funding is identified across four Community Asset Management Plans that identify the critical infrastructure asset categories.

The critical asset categories included in the plan are:

- Road Network
- Stormwater Drainage
- Parks and Trees
- Property

This structure represents the type of assets that are managed by the City rather than the specific use of the assets.

The recommendation to create an Asset Management Plan for Sporting Recreational Facilities would create a new classification that would not align with the Office of Local Government's standard Financial Reporting templates, and would create an overlap of existing asset management plans for the properties and open space classifications. For example, sporting recreational facilities include assets from both the "Parks and Trees" and the "Property" categories. An example would be Redfern Oval (the park) and the grandstand (property).

The existing categories focus upon different asset characteristics, useful lives and condition assessments, and are managed separately by relevant areas of council. The recommendation would result in a hybrid asset management approach that would cut across several asset management disciplines, divisions and service providers.

It is recommended that a new category not be created for Recreational Sporting facilities.

Breakdown of Office of the Lord Mayor (OLM) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Division Budgets

The CEO Division budget includes the CEO, Secretariat, Councillor Support and OLM units.

The CEO's budget is predominantly salary based for \$1.2M, incorporating four ongoing roles and provision for a new Senior Aboriginal position which is being held within this budget until the best department for this role is determined. This budget also includes association memberships of \$0.4M, which have not increased for next year, and that were approved by Council on 19 February 2018.

The Secretariat budget includes ongoing funding for five positions of \$0.6M, administration costs of \$0.2M, the ongoing funding for the operation of the Central Sydney Planning Committee (CSPC) of \$0.2M, and an additional \$0.1M from this year for the introduction of the Local Planning Panel.

The Councillor Support budget includes funding for 10 staff of \$1.2M, LM and Councillor fees and all of the approved expenditure within the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy for \$0.9M, as approved in August 2017.

The OLM budget included funding for the 22 staff for \$3.2M, approved within the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy adopted by Council in August 2017, office administration costs of \$0.1M, and funding of \$0.3M for costs for Citizenships, Christmas and other Civic Receptions.

The only increases to the 2018/19 budget are for general staff salary increments, approved changes to the Councillors fees, the additional Senior Aboriginal position, and funding for the introduction of the Local Planning Panel.

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Approved

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**MONICA BARONE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER**