



Asset Management Plans - Update

COUNCIL MEMBER BRIEFING SESSION – February 2024

Purpose

- > The purpose of this briefing session is to provide Council Members with an update on the Asset Management Plans (AMPs) review process
- > Council has four existing AMPs and two new AMPs that have been developed:
 - Buildings
 - Stormwater
 - Transport
 - Open space
 - Plant (new AMP)
 - Urban Forest (new AMP per resolution C280121/12735)
- > In May 2023, **Council endorsed the draft AMPs for community consultation** (C090523/13441), subject to **various changes that have been incorporated into each AMP**
- > A timeline summary on the steps followed is provided later in the presentation



Council resolution C090523/13441

That Council

1. *Endorses the revised Asset Management Plans, as provided in Attachments A Transport, B Stormwater, C Buildings and E Plant to Report No: 106-23, for the purpose of community consultation.*
2. *Endorses draft Asset Management Plan Attachment D Open Space to Report No: 106-23 for the purpose of community consultation with the inclusion of the following to be added as key elements:*
 - (a) *Acknowledgment of the environmental importance of green, open space to the City of Burnside Community and the importance of resources to preserve this;*
 - (b) *More detailed information regarding the importance of heritage open spaces in City of Burnside e.g. Hazelwood Park, Beaumont Common, Alexandra Avenue;*
 - (c) *Reference to the impact of Climate Change, the importance of maintaining the tree canopy, under storey plantings and biodiversity (within Open Space and inclusion in Glossary);*
 - (d) *Reference to the need to maintain and protect bird and wildlife; and*
 - (e) *(Cross reference to Urban Forest Asset Management Plan, and any other Council Strategy Plans and Policies covering open space.*
3. *Endorses draft Asset Management Plan F Urban Forest to Report No: 106-23 for the purpose of community consultation with inclusion of the following to be added as key elements:*
 - (a) *Acknowledgement of the importance of trees as an essential part of the history, culture, heritage and liveability of City of Burnside, which contribute to the character of our city and play a vital role in our well-being;*
 - (b) *The impact of Climate Change and urban densification on the urban forest and tree canopy and the need for renewal and resource allocation for this Asset;*
 - (c) *The definition of the Tree Amenity Value formula (as adopted by Council resolution) in the Glossary; and*
 - (d) *Cross reference any other Strategy documents e.g. the Urban Tree Strategy.*
4. *Includes in each Asset Management Plan cross reference to the City of Burnside 2023 Strategic Plan, the Access and Inclusion Principles and Plan and any other relevant policy documents which administer these Assets.*

Timeframe Summary

- > Council Member AMP workshop Jan 2023
- > Draft AMPs to Council to endorse for community consultation May
- > Draft AMPs amended in line with Council resolution May to June
- > Consultation information finalised ahead of Focus magazine delivery (August) June
- > Community consultation process Aug to Sept
- > Community consultation information collated and included in final revision of AMPs Sept to Oct
- > Draft AMPs to Audit and Risk Committee Nov
- > Draft AMPs amended in line with Audit and Risk Committee feedback Nov to Dec
- > Final AMPs to be presented to Council for adoption Feb 2024

Community Consultation – September 2023

- > Community consultation has been completed with a similar methodology to 2016 and 2019 given the success and increased participation rate received
- > **Over 500 responses** were received through the recent consultation process through September 2023 with the relevant feedback now incorporated into the ‘Executive Summary’ and ‘Levels of Service Inputs’ in the draft AMPs
- > Overall, there was a **strong support in relation to management of most asset groups**, indicating Council’s current approach is generally supported
- > The consultation results have been summarised in the upcoming Council report



Community Consultation – Summary

- > Using the same analysis approach in 2019, a majority of this feedback suggested:
 - Buildings:
 - Council’s buildings are easily accessible for all people including those with disabilities and parents with prams
 - Council owned buildings are well-maintained, clean, accessible and safe
 - Stormwater
 - Council’s stormwater system allows people to continue to use footpaths and roads, and protects properties and businesses, when it rains
 - Transport:
 - Footpaths and roads are clean, well-maintained and safe
 - Open space:
 - Footpaths and roadways are well lit
 - Sporting facilities are well-maintained, clean, accessible and safe
 - Plant:
 - It is important for Council to invest in tools and equipment that are environmentally sustainable and cost effective
 - It is important that Council works toward progressively improving the environmental impact of fleet vehicles
 - Urban Forest:
 - Public trees are well-maintained and are valued



Audit and Risk Committee - summary

- > Following community consultation and the incorporation of relevant feedback in the AMPs, the drafts were presented to the Audit and Risk Committee in November 2023
- > At the time, the Audit and Risk Committee **endorsed the draft AMPs for presentation to Council** and provided additional feedback for consideration
- > In summary, this feedback suggested:
 - Some minor amendments in various AMPs re definition, performance target and strategic risk
 - Clarifying how the consultation results are grouped in the AMPs
 - Including reference to Council's protections under the LG Act re tree management
 - Clarifying that tree assessments will be conducted more frequently (than 4 yearly) where risk ratings are higher than 'low'
 - Including location captions for images where they are known City of Burnside locations
- > **This feedback has been incorporated into the draft AMPs**



Next Steps

- > Now community consultation and a review by the Audit and Risk Committee has been undertaken, the draft AMPs will be presented to Council for endorsement **at the meeting on 27 February 2024**
- > Prior to the meeting, any questions can be directed to:

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