

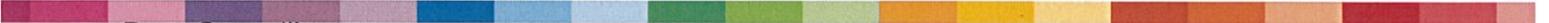
MEMORANDUM

To: Councillors

From: Group Manager Corporate Services

Date: 3 December 2014

Subject: Item 7 Council Meeting on Tuesday 9 December 2014
Revised Draft Four Year Delivery Plan 2014/2018 including One Year Operational Plan 2014/2015



Dear Councillors

This memorandum is being issued to Councillors as a result of a follow up discussion with IPART on Monday 1 December 2014, following Council's resolution at its meeting 11 November 2014 to notify IPART of Council's intent to make a Special Rate Variation (SRV) application.

Following this discussion, IPART has suggested some additional wording in Council's Revised Delivery Plan and Resourcing Strategy to ensure details of the proposed SRV are clearly communicated.

The additional wording for inclusion is as follows;

Option A:

Rate pegging is an ongoing, permanent increase in rates and over the four years of the proposed SRV period, ending in 2018/2019, the cumulative estimated rate pegging amount will be 12.6% (\$133.58).

Option B:

The 7% increase over 4 years commencing 1 July 2015, is proposed to be an on going permanent increase with a cumulative gross increase of 31.1% over the 4 years ending 2018/2019, with a net 18.5% increase more than Option A (rate peg only).

It should be noted that this increase varies depending on the valuation of individual ratepayer properties (as detailed in Council's SRV Brochure). The average residential dwelling ratepayer experiences a 28.7% (\$305.35) cumulative increase over the 4 year period, which results in a net increase of 16.1% (\$171.77) over the 4 years after allowing for the 12.6% (\$133.58) of the rate peg option (Option A).

This is Council's preferred option.

Option C:

The 12% increase over 4 years commencing 1 July 2015, is proposed to be an on going permanent increase with a cumulative gross increase of 57.4% over the 4 years ending 2018/2019, with a net 44.8% increase more than Option A (rate peg only).

It should be noted that this increase varies depending on the valuation of individual ratepayer properties (as detailed in Council's SRV Brochure). The average residential dwelling ratepayer experiences a 64.4% (\$684.96) increase over the 4 year period, which results in a net increase of 51.8% (\$551.38) over the next 4 years, after allowing for the 12.6% (\$133.58) of the rate peg option (Option A).

The above details will be updated accordingly in the Draft Delivery Plan (Pages 14/15) and the Resourcing Strategy, Asset Management Plan (Page 11), Workforce Plan (Page 10) and Long Term Financial Plan (Pages 8,17 and 19).

The above changes are refinements and minor changes to the documents noting this information was provided during the public meetings with the community and was also available on Council's website. Ratepayers were able to also utilise the rates calculator to determine their individual position in respect of the proposed SRV.

It is also proposed for Council to issue a further media release once Council has adopted the Revised Delivery Plan, to assist the broader community's awareness and understanding of the proposed SRV.

Revised Recommendation

The revised recommendation for this item has been slightly amended in Parts (a) and (c), to take account of the proposed minor changes to the respective documents, as detailed in this advice, as follows:

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council, pursuant to Section 404 & 405 of the Local Government Act 1993, endorse the document titled "REVISED - Draft Four-Year Delivery Plan 2014/2018 including One-Year Operational Plan 2014/2015", inclusive of the 2014/2015 Draft Budget, Fees and Charges and Capital Works Program, **and as amended in accordance with the memo from the Group Manager Corporate Services, dated 3 December 2014**, as its Revised Draft Four-Year Delivery Plan 2014/2018 including One-Year Operational Plan 2014/2015 of the City of Ryde.
- (b) That the Revised Draft Four-Year Delivery Plan 2014/2018 including One-Year Operational Plan 2014/2015 be publicly exhibited for a period of not less than 28 days, from 17 December 2014 to 6 February 2015.
- (c) That the Revised Resourcing Strategy, including the Asset Management Plan, Workforce Plan and Long Term Financial Plan **and as amended in accordance with the memo from the Group Manager Corporate Services, dated 3 December 2014**, be publicly exhibited for a period of not less than 28 days from 17 December 2014 to 6 February 2015.
- (d) That following the public exhibition period detailed in part (b), Council consider all public submissions at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, 10 February 2015 prior to formally adopting its revised Four-Year Delivery Plan 2014/2018 including the One-Year Operational Plan 2014/2015.
- (e) That following the public exhibition period detailed in part (c), Council consider all public submissions at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, 10 February 2015 prior to formally adopting the Revised Resourcing Strategy, including the Asset Management Plan, Workforce Plan and Long Term Financial Plan.

Please contact me for any further enquiries in respect of this matter.



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