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## 8 GOVERNANCE AND CORPORATE PERFORMANCE

### 8.1 MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

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#### SUMMARY

The Annual Report (as previously circulated) for the past financial year has been prepared and forwarded to the Minister for Local Government in accordance with the provisions of section 133 of the *Local Government Act 1989 (Act)*.

Public notice of the preparation of the Annual Report and the certification of the Auditor-General has been given under the provisions of the Act and copies made available on Council's website. Copies have also been made available at our Customer and Library Service Centres.

The report is now presented for Council's consideration.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** Council considers the Annual Report for 2018-2019 and notes its completion, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*.

#### BACKGROUND

Each Council is required to present its Annual Report for the previous year to the Minister for Local Government by 30 September. The Annual Report 2018-2019 has been prepared according to the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989*, the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014* and associated statutory requirements. The report was submitted to the Minister by the due date.

#### ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

This Annual Report for 2018-2019 includes information about any changes that have taken place, major capital works expenditure, economic or other factors that have had an impact on Council's performance and a summary of activity and achievements.

The Annual Report also outlines how Mitchell has performed against the commitments set in the Council Plan and Budget, as well as prescribed service performance indicators and an audited Performance Statement (Performance and Financial Indicators) and Financial Report.

Data has also been provided as part of the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework, which includes a set of consistent indicators across the local government

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sector for key service, sustainability and finance performance measures identified by the State Government.

Council sets material variation thresholds that take into account both quantitative and qualitative factors and circumstances specific to Mitchell.

## **CONSULTATION**

The Performance Statement (Performance and Financial Indicators) and Financial Report were presented to Council for 'in-principle' approval at the September Audit Committee meeting. They have since been certified by the Victorian Auditor-General.

Public notice of the preparation of the Annual Report and the Report of the Auditor-General has been given under the provisions of the Act and copies made available on Council's website and at our Customer and Library Service Centres.

## **FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

The report has been produced in a Word document version again this year and is primarily distributed electronically to reduce costs. Copies will be available at libraries.

## **POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The report has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL)**

This is an administration process and does not have any environment implications beyond printing practices and material. Recycled paper stock is used wherever possible and the report is available primarily in electronic format.

## **CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

The rights protected in the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* were considered in preparing this report and it's determined that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

## **OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in this matter.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Annual Report 2018-2019 has been submitted to the Minister and is now presented for Council's consideration in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*.