

**1.7: UPDATE ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PLANNING SERVICES REVIEW**

**Proponent** : City of Albany  
**Attachment(s)** : Table One – First Report (actions against recommendations)  
**Consulted References** : Better Practice Review (Department of Local Government)  
Review of Planning Services by Planning Context  
**Responsible Officer** : E/Director Planning and Development Services (G Bride)

**IN BRIEF**

- Council has previously adopted the recommendations from the review of Planning and Development Services undertaken by Planning Context (Charles Johnson) in September 2010.
- This report updates Council on the implementation of the recommendations.

**ITEM 1.7: RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**That the updated implementation schedule in response to the recommendations made by Planning Context in its report dated 1 October 2010 be NOTED.**

**BACKGROUND**

1. At its meeting dated 16 November 2010 Council considered the report by Planning Context in relation to review of the Planning and Development Services Directorate and resolved:

*“ITEM 4.2: RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 1*

*The recommendations made by Planning Context in its report dated 1 October 2010 be RECEIVED.*

*ITEM 4.2: RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 2*

*The initial actions/responses identified in Table 1 as attached be ACKNOWLEDGED and that an additional progress report be PRESENTED to Council by March 2011 on the status of the remaining recommendations, including the proposed form and function of strategic planning services at the City.*

**CEO:**

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:**

*ITEM 4.2: RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 3*

*The Directorate be RENAMED from “Development Services” to “Planning and Development Services” with the Executive Director’s title to be ‘Executive Director Planning and Development Services’ (EDPDS).”*

**DISCUSSION**

2. An update on the implementation of the recommendations are contained within the attachment to this Report.

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

3. Public consultation was not required, however Mr Johnson did speak to a range of industry stakeholders that utilise the services of the Development Service Directorate as part of the review.

**GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION**

4. Government consultation was not required, however Mr Johnson did consult with the Department of Planning and the Department of Local Government as part of the review.

**STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

5. There are no statutory implications related to this item.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

6. There are no strategic implications related to this item.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

7. The cost to implement the recommendations involve improvements to processes, reporting benchmarks and the completion of key strategic documents which will be undertaken by the Directorate using existing staff resources within existing budget lines.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

8. Staff have prepared a draft Local Planning Policy Manual which has been placed on public exhibition and will be considered at the April 2011 Council Meeting for final adoption.

**ALTERNATE OPTIONS & LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

9. Nil.

**SUMMARY CONCLUSION**

10. It is recommended that the updated implementation schedule be noted.

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<b>Previous Reference</b>	SCM 25/05/2010 - Item 6.2 OCM 16/11/2010 - Item 4.2