

Additional Information

Ordinary Meeting

Thursday, 24 March 2022

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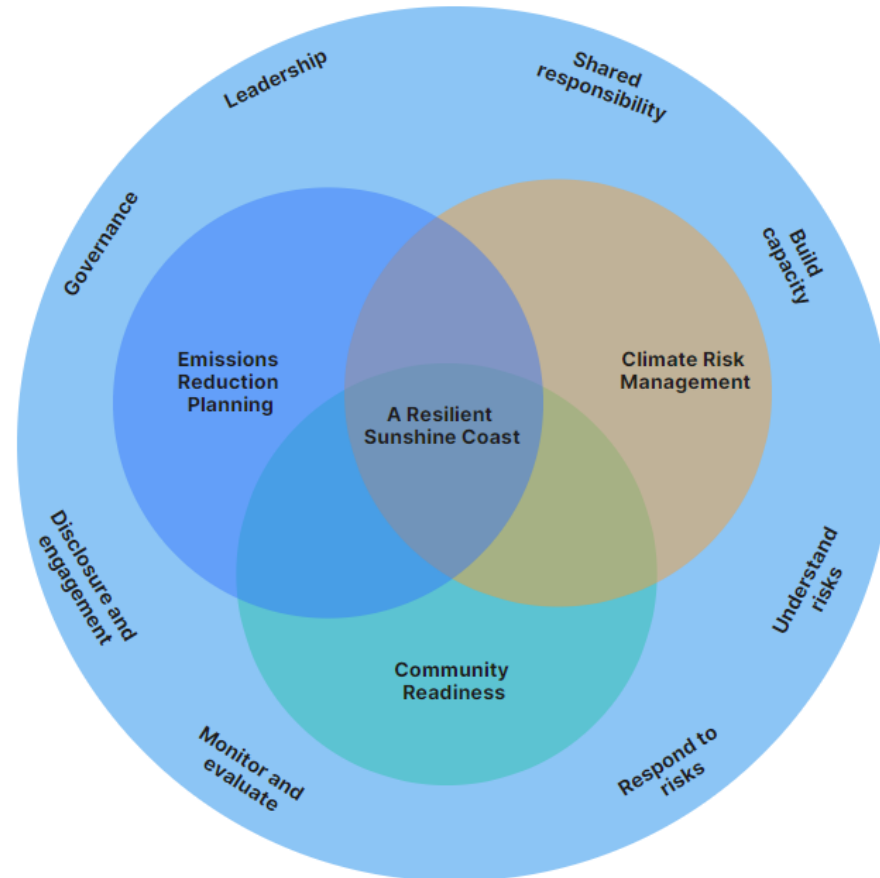


8.1 Responding to the Climate Emergency

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Responding to the Climate Emergency

A response that reflects the urgency and the decade of action



Emissions Reduction Planning

- We need to play our part to slow down/halt impacts
- ZNE Organisation Target Set – 2041
- Confirmed our target is aligned with the best available science to stay below 1.5oC global warming
- Will require focused and sustained effort by all areas of Council to reach our target
- Monitoring and reporting on our organisational emissions critical to ensure on target/guide investment
- ZNE Action Plan – a coordinated and integrated approach

Climate Risk Management

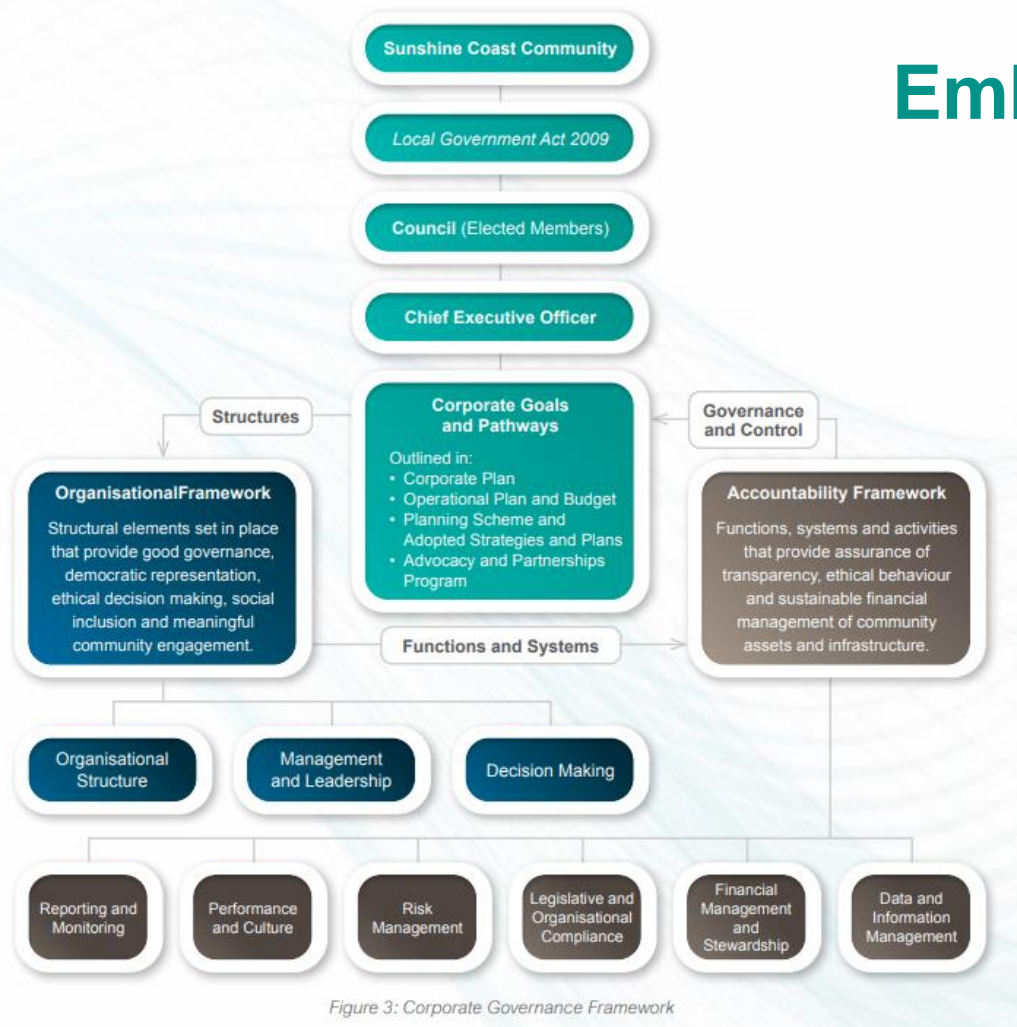
- Understanding and responding to Organisational Climate Risk
- QCRC – A Framework to assist LGs assess their Climate Risk
 - Complete Phase 1 Pilot – high level sweep of key climate risks
 - Investigate Phase 2 – more detailed climate risk planning
- Integrating climate risk/sustainability into existing governance, policy and decision making processes and culture
- Growing internal capacity and capability to respond
- Continue to deliver best practice climate risk reduction approaches whereby our response to climate risk is embedded into what we do.

Community Readiness

- A need for ongoing leadership and support
- Building a shared understanding, acceptance, awareness and responsibility to take action
- Council is engaging with our community and regional stakeholders on climate risk management through the RCAR project (including emissions reduction)

Embedding Climate Change

Embedding through Council's existing corporate governance framework...



1. Corporate Goals and Pathways
- *policy and planning*

2. Organisational Framework
- *governance oversight*

3. Accountability Framework
- *systems and processes*

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- a) receive and note the report titled “Responding to the Climate Emergency”
- b) note the project updates provided in regard to Council’s zero-net emissions planning and climate risk management
- c) note the interim opportunities identified to help progress our organisational response to the climate emergency.

