

Additional Information

Ordinary Meeting

Thursday, 27 July 2023

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Related Report / Additional Information Request

Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	27 July 2023
Requesting Councillor:	Councillor M Suarez		
Item:	8.1 Housing and Homelessness Action Plan		
Circulation	25 July 2023		
Officer:	Project Manager	Approving GE:	Group Executive Customer & Planning Services

In response to a question raised by Councillor Suarez, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question:

Benchmarking – many people consider that additional land supply on its own will address housing affordability? Is there any ability to identify the existing urban land supply and pipeline of projects to help dispel the myth that there is no land available for housing?

Response:

Council has a growth management framework that enables sustainable growth and development outcomes in the Sunshine Coast region. This framework identifies and protects the intrinsic qualities of the region while also providing opportunities for the delivery of housing to support the region's future growth.

Council's growth management framework is informed by, and gives effect to, the State Government's South East Queensland Regional Plan 2017, which sets dwelling supply benchmarks for each Council, directing the number of dwellings that should be established in existing urban areas by way of consolidation and new urban areas by way of expansion.

The State Government reports the progress against these benchmarks in the Land Supply and Development Monitoring (LSDM) report, which is updated annually. The most recent LSDM report shows that in December 2021, Sunshine Coast had the capacity to accommodate:

- around 29,500 dwellings in its consolidation areas - equivalent to 14 years of supply
- around 24,800 dwellings in its expansion areas - equivalent 17 years of supply.

The most recent LSDM report also shows that in June 2021:

- about 6,415 new house lots had been approved but not delivered
- about 6,232 multiple dwelling units had been approved but not delivered.

When considered together, these figures suggest there is substantial available land supply and a considerable pipeline of lot and dwelling approvals on the Sunshine Coast.

It is important to note that these numbers do not include the dwellings that could be delivered in the Beerwah East Major Development Area mainly because, even though the development of Beerwah East is intended to commence in the next decade, the timing of its progressive development has not yet been determined.

Council also monitors and adjusts the capacity of the planning scheme to account for the projected population growth across the region and take account of local circumstances.



The following summarises the current status of the significant development areas on the Sunshine Coast:

- Caloundra South – 4,542 dwellings constructed (or 22%) of 20,000 dwellings planned
- Palmview – 1,958 dwellings constructed (or 28%) of 6,850 dwellings planned
- Maroochydore City Centre (or 7%) – 245 dwellings constructed of 4,000 dwellings planned
- Beerwah East – none of the estimated 21,000 dwellings have been planned or constructed.

As mentioned in the report accompanying this Agenda Item, Council's growth management framework makes appropriate provision for new housing, but it cannot make it happen. Council continues to work with all levels of government, the development industry and community housing providers to address the current housing challenges, as well as undertaking a range of other initiatives designed to alleviate housing pressures.

In summary, the Council's current planning framework aims to ensure ongoing land supply for dwellings in expansion areas and the continuing opportunities for additional dwellings to be developed in consolidation areas. The New Planning Scheme will also promote the delivery of greater housing diversity in existing urban areas.

The Regional Planning and Advocacy Team will look to augment the existing 'Grow Sustainably' page on Council's website to incorporate more of this kind of information to assist the community's understanding of the situation.

This webpage includes a range of information about managing growth on the Sunshine Coast and can be accessed at <https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/development/planning-documents/new-sunshine-coast-planning-scheme/growing-sustainably>.

Related Report / Additional Information Request

Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	27 July 2023
Requesting Councillor:	Councillor T Landsberg		
Item:	8.2 Surf Life Saving Queensland - Sunshine Coast Council Lifeguard Service Plan 2023 - 2028		
Circulation	25 July 2023		
Officer:	Team Leader Aquatic and Lifeguard contracts	Approving GE:	Group Executive Economic and Community Development

In response to a question raised by Councillor Landsberg, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question:

Provide details on the visitation data to Kings/Bulcock Beaches

Response:

	Kings Beach		Bulcock Beach	
	Rescues	Attendance	Rescues	Attendance
1 July 2019 - 30 June 2020	39	548,931	10	333,870
1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021	43	565,227	4	318,768
1 July 2021 - 30 June 2022	136	562,202	7	306,992
1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023	59	664,621	8	325,816

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Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	27 July 2023
Requesting Councillor:	Cr Suarez & Cr Johnston		
Item:	8.3 Sports Field Maintenance Program Recommendations 2023		
Circulation	25 July 2023		
Officer:	Community Connections & Partnerships – Lead	Approving GE:	Acting Group Executive, Economic and Community Development

In response to questions raised by Councillors, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question: Provide details on who owns/maintains the Eumundi Showground?

Response: The Queensland Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy is the owner of the Eumundi Showgrounds. As Trustee for the reserve, the Eumundi Park Recreation and Showgrounds Association Inc has responsibility for the maintenance at this site.

Note: Ownership of this property was incorrectly recorded as “Federal Government” in Appendix A of the Sports Field maintenance Funding Program Recommendations Report. An amended version of Appendix A. with the correct ownership noted will be provided.

Question: Are Maleny Cricket Club and Maleny Soccer Teams included (current & future arrangements)?

Response: Maleny Cricket Club and Maleny Soccer Teams are not included in the Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program.

The majority of the Maleny Showgrounds site is managed by the Maleny Show Society who hold tenure with Sunshine Coast Council. Sunshine Coast Council have an agreement in place with the Show Society to provide an annual subsidy which provides assistance with operational and maintenance items associated with the running of the Showgrounds facility. As such, it is viewed that the cost to maintain fields and ovals located within the Maleny Showgrounds is supported financially by Sunshine Coast Council as part of the annual subsidy payment.

Related Report / Additional Information Request

Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	27 July 2023
Requesting Councillor:	Councillor Cox		
Item:	8.4: Sunshine Coast Ecological Park Master Plan		
Circulation	25 July 2023		
Officer:	A/ Coordinator Open Space and Social Policy	Approving GE:	Group Executive Liveability and Natural Assets

In response to a question raised by Councillor Cox, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question:

Elaborate on the 1.7 million for detailed design – what portion of that is for this financial year?

Response:

\$279,138 is available for detailed design in 2023/24 from Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP) funding.

Subject to Council endorsement of the master plan, a final review of all available and potential funding sources to support implementation will be undertaken.

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Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	27 July 2023
Requesting Councillor:	Councillor Dickson		
Item:	8.5 Proposed Planning Scheme Amendment – Site Specific and Editorial Matters		
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Officer:	Coordinator Planning Scheme Amendments	Approving GE:	Group Executive Customer & Planning Services

In response to a question raised by Councillor Dickson, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question:

Are there any property notations on the properties along Jorl Court, relating to the proposed road connection to Walgarri Drive? If not, can this be reviewed?

Response:

The Strategic Property Branch has confirmed that there are currently no property notations on file relating to a potential road link to Walgarri Drive over the properties at Jorl Court.

Figure 7.2.25A (Sippy Downs Local Plan Elements) in the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014* currently identifies an 'indicative road linkage/access point' between Jorl Court and Walgarri Drive.

The potential road link between Walgarri Drive and Jorl Court is non-trunk infrastructure. As such, the potential road link is not currently identified in the Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP).

Council is currently reviewing its network priorities. If the potential Walgarri Drive/Jorl Court road link is included in Council's adopted Works Program, there may be a case for property notations to be used in the future.

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Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	27 July 2023
Requesting Councillor:	Councillor R Baberowski		
Item:	8.9 Review of the Classification and Management of Council Information		
Circulation	25 July 2023		
Officer:	Group Executive, Civic Governance		

In response to a question raised by Councillor R Baberowski, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question: Have the requirements of OM19/181 (requesting an investigation into the regulatory and resource requirements to enable the live streaming and recording of Council's statutory meetings, including confidential parts of those meetings) been considered and addressed in the interests of making more transparent, the matters considered by Council, including matters considered to be confidential?

Response:

The resolution OM19/181 of 14 November 2019 was made at a time when the then Council did not deliver live streaming or video recordings of any part of Council's statutory meetings.

Progressing the actions identified in that resolution was effectively overtaken in the subsequent months with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, when Council meetings (from 23 March 2020) could no longer be attended in person by members of the public. As a result, live streaming and recording of statutory meetings was implemented from April 2020 in response to the operating requirements established for Council Meetings in response to the public health directives associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated emergency amendments to the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. All statutory meetings - from and including the post-election meeting of the current term of Council (held on 23 April 2020) - have been live streamed for public viewing since that date.

Council subsequently resolved on 15 October 2020 to adopt its new Standing Orders, which included provisions for live streaming of its statutory meetings. The Council report considered at that meeting specifically addressed that the amendments to the Standing Orders:

- incorporated provisions for the live streaming of Council statutory meetings; and
- responded to the amended regulatory provisions relating to matters which Council could resolve to consider in a session that was closed to public viewing.

The (then) proposed Standing Orders did not make provision for the recording and subsequent release of any part of a Council meeting which is (or would be in the future) resolved by Council to be closed to the public under section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. No motion was put forward or resolved at the meeting on 15 October 2020 to amend the (then) proposed Standing Orders to authorise the recording and subsequent release of proceedings of meetings that Council resolved should be closed to the public. The (then) proposed Standing Orders were adopted unanimously by Council.

Accordingly, there has been no audio or video recording made of those parts of any statutory meeting of Council where Council has resolved that the relevant part of the meeting should be closed to the public.



On the basis of considering:

1. the actions that were taken to commence the live streaming of Council meetings from April 2020 (in response to the public health directives put in place to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic);
2. the considerable changes to Council operating practices that have resulted in a significant reduction in matters considered in confidential sessions and a regularised practise of systematic release of information deemed confidential at statutory meetings once Council adopted pre conditions or milestones had been satisfied; and
3. the deliberations and decision of Council on 15 October 2020 to adopt amended Standing Orders for Council meetings

officers are of the view a much greater level of transparency and accessibility to Council meetings and the deliberations of Council has been achieved.

It should also be noted that on 28 January 2021, Council considered and resolved (unanimously) the terms of reference for the Review of the Classification and Management of Council Information. The terms of reference for this Review did not contain any direction or specific reference to examine and report on the recording and subsequent public release of any part of a Council meeting which is (or would be in the future) resolved by Council to be closed to the public under section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. Accordingly, this aspect was not specifically considered in the context of the Review – the outcomes of which are to be considered by Council at its meeting on 27 July 2023.

Recommendation 1 of the GWI *Future State Report* provides scope for further consideration of any specific aspect of how Council communicates and makes Council meeting information available to the public, should Council resolve to make changes to the Standing Orders for its statutory meetings in the future.