

2.3 AMENDED REPORTING CYCLE FOR COUNCIL'S *A HEALTHY & RESILIENT MONASH: INTEGRATED PLAN 2017 - 2021*

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the change in month for the annual evaluation summary report of 'A Healthy and Resilient Monash: Integrated Plan 2017-2021.'

INTRODUCTION

It is proposed to amend the month of the annual evaluation summary report from June to September for Council's *A Healthy and Resilient Monash: Integrated Plan 2017-2021* to ensure a full 12 month of actions can be reported [Attachment 1].

BACKGROUND

Council's municipal public health and wellbeing plan *A Healthy and Resilient Monash: Integrated Plan 2017-2021* was published in October 2017 and each year releases an annual action plan for implementation and evaluation by staff representing the Community Development & Services directorate. The Plan is currently in its third year of implementation.

DISCUSSION

To date, the annual evaluation summary report of the Plan has been presented to Council in June summarising the progress, achievements and impact of the previous 12 months. The month of June has traditionally been chosen to align with end of financial year Council reporting cycles.

Due to the release of the municipal public health and wellbeing plans in October and the simultaneous release of the yearly action plan, it has meant Monash Council is in essence reporting on 8 months of an action plan in June, rather than the full 12 months. Council staff representing the Community Development & Services directorate have at times, been prompted to report on a program, service delivery or activity that may not have reached its full completion.

Council, in partnership with academic experts from Deakin University, has in recent years adopted a 'Most Significant Change' evaluation methodology to measure the broad health and wellbeing impacts to the Monash community of the Plan's activities. Allowing a 12-month timeframe for this evaluation methodology would see maximum impact of Council's contribution to improving the health and lives of the Monash community.

Moving the annual reporting timeframe of the Plan from June to September each year will allow for extended data collection and greater monitoring of the full breadth of the Plan's impact annually. Monash Council will also be aligning with its regional counterparts who predominantly prepare an annual evaluation summary to Council in September or October of each year.

Changing the month of reporting from June to September will not impact on Council's ability to meet its statutory requirements associated with the municipal public health and wellbeing plan.

CONCLUSION

Amending the reporting cycle from June to September for the annual evaluation summary for Council's *A Healthy & Resilient Monash: Integrated Plan 2017 – 2021* will ensure that the full 12-month breadth of the plan's impact is captured annually.