

Project	Service Review
FSI Objectives	 Reduce costs Increase revenues Improve value-for-money
Fit for the Future impacts	 Operating performance ratio Own source revenue ratio Asset maintenance ratio
Community Strategic Plan links	This project contributes to the community's desired outcome of <i>Civic Leadership and Effective Governance</i> .
Delivery Program links	This project contributes to the Delivery Program deliverable 5.3.2 Implement systems and strategies to improve productivity across the organisation.
Operational Plan links	This project is part of the 2015-16 Operational Plan action 5.3.7.a Progress the Financial Sustainability Initiative and other projects from Council's Improvement Proposal.
Scope	The Service Review will examine each function that Council undertakes and assess whether Council should be providing this service and, if so, to what service standard and how it can be done most efficiently (including the potential for regional coordination and shared services).
Lead	Governance & Business Services Manager
Team members / contributors	Strategic Land Use Planning Manager Executive Project Officer Chief Financial Officer Integrated Planning & Strategic Planning Manager Principal Environmental Planner
Budget	To be undertaken in-house within existing budgets.



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Project	Service Review
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Key Milestones	 2015 – Project team to refine approach and prioritise services for review. 2015 – Commence review of services. 2016 – Continue review of services and incorporate results into 2017-21 Delivery Program and long-term financial plan forecasts.
2015-16 Actions	 Establish project team Scope project Commence review
Status/Comments	Preliminary data collected in December 2013 for the 2014-15 round of IP&R.
	Draft Service Review strategy and templates adapted from ACELG manual (June 2014)
	Further data collected in November- December 2014 for the 2015-16 round of IP&R.
	Will require extensive internal and external consultation (in conjunction with infrastructure assets levels of service).
Risk Assessment	Risk: Lack of integration between Financial Sustainability Initiative projects leading to duplication and inefficiency.
	Mitigation: The Management Team to act as the Project Control Group to oversee the coordinated implementation of these projects.
	Risk: Lack of executive/political support for project outcomes leading to an inability to introduce positive changes.
	Mitigation: Progress to be included in Manager/Director Monthly Reports and quarterly IP&R reports. The Management Team to meet bi-annually with the Executive to discuss progress and priorities. Annual progress reports to be prepared for the elected Council. Councillors to be briefed on individual projects as they are being implemented.
Benefits	Shared understanding and clarity regarding what Council does and how it does it.



Project	Productivity Improvements and Cost Savings Project
FSI Objectives	Reduce costs Improve value-for-money
Fit for the Future impacts	 Operating performance ratio Real operating expenditure per capita
Community Strategic Plan links	This project contributes to the community's desired outcome of <i>Civic Leadership and Effective Governance</i> .
Delivery Program links	This project contributes to the Delivery Program deliverable 5.3.2 Implement systems and strategies to improve productivity across the organisation.
Operational Plan links	This project is part of the 2015-16 Operational Plan action 5.3.7.a Progress the Financial Sustainability Initiative and other projects from Council's Improvement Proposal.
Scope	The <i>Productivity improvements and cost savings project</i> complements the service review and is about reinforcing a culture among staff to actively seek out productivity improvements and cost savings.
Lead	Business Support Manager
Team members/ contributors	Human Resources Manager Recreation Services Manager Chief Financial Officer Integrated Planning & Strategic Property Manager/Executive Project Officer – provision of previous research
Budget	To be undertaken in-house within existing budgets.



Project	Productivity Improvements and Cost Savings Project continued
Key Milestones	 2015 – Project team to progress work on potential productivity improvements. 2016 – Incorporation of first round improvements into long-term financial plan forecasts.
2015-16 Actions	 Establish project team Scope project Identify first round of potential improvements
Status/Comments	Preliminary work undertaken in this area (for the 2014-15 special rate variation application) identified 35 productivity improvements resulting in almost \$2m in one-off and over \$600,000 in ongoing annual savings. Further data collected in November- December 2014 for the 2015-16 round of IP&R.
Risk Assessment	Risk: Lack of integration between Financial Sustainability Initiative projects leading to duplication and inefficiency. Mitigation: The Management Team to act as the Project Control Group to oversee the coordinated implementation of these projects. Risk: Lack of executive/political support for project outcomes leading to an inability to introduce positive changes. Mitigation: Progress to be included in Manager/Director Monthly Reports and quarterly IP&R reports. The Management Team to meet bi-annually with the Executive to discuss progress and priorities. Annual progress reports to be prepared for the elected Council. Councillors to be briefed on individual projects as they are being implemented.
Benefits	An across-the-board improvement in work practices and better value- for-money for ratepayers.



Project	Sponsorship & Subsidies Review
FSI Objectives	Reduce costs Improve governance
Fit for the Future impacts	 Operating performance ratio Real operating expenditure per capita
Community Strategic Plan links	This project contributes to the community's desired outcome of <i>Civic Leadership and Effective Governance</i> .
Delivery Program links	This project contributes to the Delivery Program deliverable 5.3.5 Carry out governance functions, provide advice and conduct education programs to comply with legislation and best practice.
Operational Plan links	This project is part of the 2015-16 Operational Plan action 5.3.7.a Progress the Financial Sustainability Initiative and other projects from Council's Improvement Proposal.
Scope	The Sponsorship and subsidies review will identify all of the in-kind and monetary donations/sponsorships and other instances where market rates are not being charged to ensure there is transparency, equity and improved governance around these types of transactions.
Lead	Principal Environmental Planner
Team members / contributors	Governance & Business Services Manager Recreation Services Manager Community & Cultural Engagement Manager Economic Development Manager Design Delivery Manager Chief Financial Officer
Budget	To be undertaken in-house within existing budgets.



Project	Sponsorship & Subsidies Review continued
Key Milestones	 2015 – Project team to establish framework and commence review. 2016 – Continue review and incorporate results into 2017-21 Delivery Program and long-term financial plan forecasts.
2015-16 Action Plan	 Establish project team Scope project Commence review
Status/Comments	Initial data collected in November- December 2014 for the 2015-16 round of IP&R. The recent Contributions Audit identified potential subsidies for "temporary events" given there is no compensation for the damage caused to the road network.
Risk Assessment	Risk: Lack of integration between Financial Sustainability Initiative projects leading to duplication and inefficiency. Mitigation: The Management Team to act as the Project Control Group to oversee the coordinated implementation of these projects. Risk: Lack of executive/political support for project outcomes leading to an inability to introduce positive changes. Mitigation: Progress to be included in Manager/Director Monthly Reports and quarterly IP&R reports. The Management Team to meet bi-annually with the Executive to discuss progress and priorities. Annual progress reports to be prepared for the elected Council. Councillors to be briefed on individual projects as they are being implemented.
Benefits	A consistent and transparent approach to sponsorship and subsidies.



Project	Strategic Property Review
FSI Objectives	Reduce costsIncrease revenues
Fit for the Future impacts	 Operating performance ratio Own source revenue ratio Debt service ratio Asset maintenance ratio
Community Strategic Plan links	This project contributes to the community's desired outcome of <i>Civic Leadership and Effective Governance</i> .
Delivery Program links	This project contributes to the Delivery Program deliverables 4.2.1 Improve the corporate asset management system and 5.3.2 Implement systems and strategies to improve productivity across the organisation.
Operational Plan links	This project is part of the 2015-16 Operational Plan action 5.3.7.a Progress the Financial Sustainability Initiative and other projects from Council's Improvement Proposal.
Scope	The Strategic property review will review Council's property portfolio to ensure it is being efficiently and effectively managed on behalf of the community. It will ensure that property assets are being appropriately utilised and will identify 'lazy' assets and convert them into sustainable revenue-generating assets through the establishment of a Property Investment Fund where 20% of the return on investment generated will be used to fund infrastructure, services and facilities in line with Council's adopted Delivery Program.
Lead	Integrated Planning & Strategic Property Manager
Team members / contributors	Recreation Services Manager Principal Community Planner Economic Development Manager Strategic Land Use Planning Manager Executive Project Officer Strategic Asset Planning Manager
Budget	To be undertaken in-house within existing budgets (any external resources will be funded from the Property Investment Fund).



Project	Strategic Property Review
	continued
Key Milestones	 2014-2015 – Phase 2 in progress – Investigate stage 1 properties, identify stage 2 properties and implement Property Investment Fund reporting. 2015-16 – Implement actions for stage 1 properties, investigate stage 2 properties, and identify stage 3 properties. 2016-17 – Implement actions for stage 1 properties, investigate stage 2 properties, and identify stage 3 properties. Further stages as required.
2015-16 Action Plan	Complete phase 2Commence phase 3
Status/Comments	Stage 1 – complete: Property Investment Policy adopted. Property Management Policy updated. Property Management Guidelines revised. Assessment criteria developed and Stage 1 properties identified. Stage 2 – in progress
Risk Assessment	Risk: Lack of integration between Financial Sustainability Initiative projects leading to duplication and inefficiency. Mitigation: The Management Team to act as the Project Control Group to oversee the coordinated implementation of these projects. Risk: Lack of executive/political support for project outcomes leading to an inability to introduce positive changes. Mitigation: Progress to be included in Manager/Director Monthly Reports and quarterly IP&R reports. The Management Team to meet bi-annually with the Executive to discuss progress and priorities. Annual progress reports to be prepared for the elected Council. Councillors to be briefed on individual projects as they are being implemented. Risk: Lack of agreed project parameters leading to the sale of fixed assets funding operational expenses. Mitigation: Establishment of a Property Investment Fund where 80% of the return on investment generated will be re-invested and the remaining 20% used to fund infrastructure, services and facilities in line with Council's adopted Delivery Program.
Benefits	A revenue-generating property investment portfolio providing a sustainable return to the ratepayers of the local government area.



Project	Fees & Charges Review
FSI Objectives	Increase revenues
Fit for the Future impacts	 Operating performance ratio Own source revenue ratio
Community Strategic Plan links	This project contributes to the community's desired outcome of <i>Civic Leadership and Effective Governance</i> .
Delivery Program links	This project contributes to the Delivery Program deliverable 5.3.2 Implement systems and strategies to improve productivity across the organisation.
Operational Plan links	This project is part of the 2015-16 Operational Plan action 5.3.7.a Progress the Financial Sustainability Initiative and other projects from Council's Improvement Proposal.
Scope	The Fees & charges review will develop a consistent and transparent methodology for costing services, applying the principles of cost recovery and structuring charges.
Lead	Chief Financial Officer
Team members / contributors	Environment & Waste Manager Governance & Business Services Manager Health & Building Manager Procurement & Contracts Manager Principal Environmental Planner
Budget	To be undertaken in-house within existing budgets.



Project	Fees & Charges Review continued
Key Milestones	 2015 – Project team to establish framework and commence review. 2015-16 – Incorporate phase 1 results in 2016-17 Operational Plan 2016 – Finalise review and incorporate results into 2017-21 Delivery Program and long-term financial plan forecasts.
2015-16 Action Plan	Establish project teamScope projectComplete phase 1
Status/Comments	Attendance at a Price Setting Workshop in October 2014 Fee calculation template distributed to Managers as the potential basis for the calculation of future fees and charges. Initial data collected in November- December 2014 for the 2015-16 round of IP&R.
Risk Assessment	Risk: Lack of integration between Financial Sustainability Initiative projects leading to duplication and inefficiency. Mitigation: The Management Team to act as the Project Control Group to oversee the coordinated implementation of these projects. Risk: Lack of executive/political support for project outcomes leading to an inability to introduce positive changes. Mitigation: Progress to be included in Manager/Director Monthly Reports and quarterly IP&R reports. The Management Team to meet bi-annually with the Executive to discuss progress and priorities. Annual progress reports to be prepared for the elected Council. Councillors to be briefed on individual projects as they are being implemented.
Benefits	A consistent, robust and equitable pricing methodology that generates revenue to supplement the traditional rate base.



Project	Assets, Depreciation and Capital Commitments Review
FSI Objectives	Reduce costs
Fit for the Future impacts	 Operating performance ratio Debt service ratio Building and infrastructure renewal ratio Infrastructure backlog ratio Asset maintenance ratio Real operating expenditure per capita
Community Strategic Plan links	This project contributes to the community's desired outcome of <i>Civic Leadership and Effective Governance</i> .
Delivery Program links	This project contributes to the Delivery Program deliverables 4.2.1 Improve the corporate asset management system and 5.3.2 Implement systems and strategies to improve productivity across the organisation.
Operational Plan links	This project is part of the 2015-16 Operational Plan action 5.3.7.a Progress the Financial Sustainability Initiative and other projects from Council's Improvement Proposal.
Scope	The assets, depreciation and capital commitments review will revise Council's accounting policies with regards to infrastructure assets, review asset management plans and re-examine the forecasts of future capital expenditure incorporated in Council's Long-Term Financial Plan.
Lead	Strategic Asset Planning Manager
Team members / contributors	Recreation Services Manager Works Delivery Manager Information Technology Manager Chief Financial Officer
Budget	To be undertaken within existing budgets utilising in-house and external resources.



Project	Assets, Depreciation and Capital Commitments Review continued
Key Milestones	2015 – Community consultation to determine the meaning of satisfactory condition for infrastructure assets; and transfer asset management plans to new templates.
	2016-17 – Community consultation to determine levels of service.
2015-16 Action Plan	Transfer asset management plans to new templates
	Revalue assets
Status/Comments	Revised definitions of "useful lives" and "backlog" used to calculate figures for the 2013-14 Annual Financial Report.
	Completed community consultation to determine what is a "satisfactory" condition for infrastructure assets in 2015.
Risk Assessment	Risk: Lack of integration between Financial Sustainability Initiative projects leading to duplication and inefficiency.
	Mitigation: The Management Team to act as the Project Control Group to oversee the coordinated implementation of these projects.
	Risk: Lack of executive/political support for project outcomes leading to an inability to introduce positive changes.
	Mitigation: Progress to be included in Manager/Director Monthly Reports and quarterly IP&R reports. The Management Team to meet bi-annually with the Executive to discuss progress and priorities. Annual progress reports to be prepared for the elected Council. Councillors to be briefed on individual projects as they are being implemented.
	Risk: Poor asset management practices leading to sub-optimal interventions/investments in the infrastructure portfolio.
	Mitigation: Utilisation of industry standard asset management templates coupled with implementation assistance from external subject-matter experts.
Benefits	Sound asset management practices to maximise the utility of the community's infrastructure asset portfolio.



Project	Developer Contributions Review
FSI Objectives	Increase revenues
Fit for the Future impacts	 Operating performance ratio Own source revenue ratio Infrastructure backlog ratio Asset maintenance ratio Real operating expenditure per capita
Community Strategic Plan links	This project contributes to the community's desired outcome of <i>Civic Leadership and Effective Governance</i> .
Delivery Program links	This project contributes to the Delivery Program deliverables 4.2.5 Adopt the City Wide Section 94 Contribution Plan and 5.3.2 Implement systems and strategies to improve productivity across the organisation.
Operational Plan links	This project is part of the 2015-16 Operational Plan action 5.3.7.a Progress the Financial Sustainability Initiative and other projects from Council's Improvement Proposal.
Scope	The Developer contributions review will progress the implementation of the development contributions framework (along with the outcomes of the recent internal audit) and re-assess the existing contributions plans including the infrastructure to be provided (as a result of development) and the apportionment of costs.
Lead	Strategic Land Use Planning Manager
Team members / contributors	Business Support Manager Recreation Services Manager Strategic Asset Planning Manager Development Services Manager Chief Financial Officer
Budget	To be undertaken in-house within existing budgets.



Project	Developer Contributions Review continued
Key Milestones	 2014-15 – Internal review of development contributions. 2015 – Commence implementation of review's recommendations.
2015-16 Action	 Establish project team Commence implementation of internal audit recommendations
Status/Comments	Report on developer contributions (by an external consultant) in 2011 (identifying a requirement for a detailed financial review). Internal audit review of Council's developer contributions systems completed in 2015. Infrastructure needs analyses/reviews in progress.
Risk Assessment	Risk: Lack of integration between Financial Sustainability Initiative projects leading to duplication and inefficiency. Mitigation: The Management Team to act as the Project Control Group to oversee the coordinated implementation of these projects. Risk: Lack of executive/political support for project outcomes leading to an inability to introduce positive changes. Mitigation: Progress to be included in Manager/Director Monthly Reports and quarterly IP&R reports. The Management Team to meet bi-annually with the Executive to discuss progress and priorities. Annual progress reports to be prepared for the elected Council. Councillors to be briefed on individual projects as they are being implemented. Risk: Poor developer contributions planning leading to inadequate contributions and financial burden on existing ratepayers. Mitigation: Implement review recommendations and schedule further follow-up reviews to ensure there is no slippage.
Benefits	Additional/upgraded infrastructure to support new development is appropriate and provided/paid for by developers.



Project	Business Opportunities Framework
FSI Objectives	Increase revenues
Fit for the Future impacts	 Operating performance ratio Own source revenue ratio Real operating expenditure per capita
Community Strategic Plan links	This project contributes to the community's desired outcome of <i>Civic Leadership and Effective Governance</i> .
Delivery Program links	This project contributes to the Delivery Program deliverable 5.3.2 Implement systems and strategies to improve productivity across the organisation.
Operational Plan links	This project is part of the 2015-16 Operational Plan action 5.3.7.a Progress the Financial Sustainability Initiative and other projects from Council's Improvement Proposal.
Scope	The Business opportunities framework will establish the basis for the operation of entrepreneurial activities to yield Council sustainable revenue streams in the medium to long term.
Lead	Economic Development Manager
Team members / contributors	Human Resources Manager Governance & Business Services Manager Chief Financial Officer
Budget	To be undertaken in-house within existing budgets.



Project	Business Opportunities Framework continued
Key Milestones	 2015 - Project team to scope project. 2016 - Project team to commence development of framework.
2015-16 Action	Establish project teamScope project.
Status/Comments	The recent Contributions Audit identified a potential opportunity to make money from the increasing number of regular "temporary events" (to offset the damage caused to the road network).
Risk Assessment	Risk: Lack of integration between Financial Sustainability Initiative projects leading to duplication and inefficiency. Mitigation: The Management Team to act as the Project Control Group to oversee the coordinated implementation of these projects. Risk: Lack of executive/political support for project outcomes leading to an inability to introduce positive changes. Mitigation: Progress to be included in Manager/Director Monthly Reports and quarterly IP&R reports. The Management Team to meet biannually with the Executive to discuss progress and priorities. Annual progress reports to be prepared for the elected Council. Councillors to be briefed on individual projects as they are being implemented.
Benefits	Generation of additional revenues streams to supplement the traditional rates base.



Project	Special Rate Variation Strategy
FSI Objectives	Increase revenues
Fit for the Future impacts	Operating performance ratioOwn source revenue ratio
Community Strategic Plan links	This project contributes to the community's desired outcome of <i>Civic Leadership and Effective Governance</i> .
Delivery Program links	This project contributes to the Delivery Program deliverable 5.3.7 Implement a special rate variation strategy.
Operational Plan links	This project is part of the 2015-16 Operational Plan action 5.3.7.a Progress the Financial Sustainability Initiative and other projects from Council's Improvement Proposal.
Scope	The Special Rate Variation Strategy will be re-visited in the medium-term, following the incorporation of the outcomes of the other (Financial Sustainability Initiative) strategies into Council';s Long-Term Financial Plan, to determine whether Council needs to consider a further general rate increase to secure its financial position.
Lead	Integrated Planning & Strategic Property Manager
Team members / contributors	Executive Project Officer Strategic Asset Planning Manager Chief Financial Officer
Budget	To be undertaken in-house within existing budgets.



Project	Special Rate Variation Strategy continued
Key Milestones	Post 2016-17 – Assess progress against Financial Sustainability Initiative projects and Fit for the Future benchmarks to determine the need for a special rate variation.
2015-16 Action	• N/A
Status/Comments	This project has been included in Council's Improvement Proposal as part of the Fit for the Future reform package.
Risk Assessment	Risk: Lack of integration between Financial Sustainability Initiative projects leading to duplication and inefficiency.
	Mitigation: The Management Team to act as the Project Control Group to oversee the coordinated implementation of these projects.
	Risk: Lack of executive/political support for project outcomes leading to an inability to introduce positive changes.
	Mitigation: Progress to be included in Manager/Director Monthly Reports and quarterly IP&R reports. The Management Team to meet biannually with the Executive to discuss progress and priorities. Annual progress reports to be prepared for the elected Council. Councillors to be briefed on individual projects as they are being implemented.
Benefits	Provides the capacity to fund accelerated asset upgrades or renewals, or enhanced service provision.



Project	Investment Strategy
FSI Objectives	Increase revenues
Fit for the Future impacts	 Operating performance ratio Own source revenue ratio
Community Strategic Plan links	This project contributes to the community's desired outcome of <i>Civic Leadership and Effective Governance</i> .
Delivery Program links	This project contributes to the Delivery Program deliverable 5.3.2 Implement systems and strategies to improve productivity across the organisation.
Operational Plan links	This project is part of the 2015-16 Operational Plan action 5.3.7.a Progress the Financial Sustainability Initiative and other projects from Council's Improvement Proposal.
Scope	The <i>Investment Strategy</i> will complement Council's property investment portfolio and maximise the return on Council's financial investments.
Lead	Chief Financial Officer
Team members / contributors	Management Accountant
Budget	To be undertaken in-house within existing budgets.



Project	Investment Strategy continued
Key Milestones	 2015 – Commence review. 2016 – Implement and incorporate results into 2017-21 Delivery Program and long-term financial plan forecasts.
2015-16 Action	Scope projectCommence review
Status/Comments	This project was identified in Council's Improvement Proposal as part of the Fit for the Future reform package.
Risk Assessment	Risk: Lack of integration between Financial Sustainability Initiative projects leading to duplication and inefficiency.
	Mitigation: The Management Team to act as the Project Control Group to oversee the coordinated implementation of these projects.
	Risk: Lack of executive/political support for project outcomes leading to an inability to introduce positive changes.
	Mitigation: Progress to be included in Manager/Director Monthly Reports and quarterly IP&R reports. The Management Team to meet biannually with the Executive to discuss progress and priorities. Annual progress reports to be prepared for the elected Council. Councillors to be briefed on individual projects as they are being implemented.
Benefits	A well-managed investment portfolio (complementing the property portfolio) to provide a sustainable revenue stream to the ratepayers of the local government area.



Project	Plant and fleet management review
FSI Objectives	 Reduce costs Improve value for money Improve governance
Fit for the Future impacts	 Operating performance ratio Building and infrastructure renewal ratio Asset maintenance ratio Real operating expenditure per capita
Community Strategic Plan links	This project contributes to the community's desired outcome of <i>Civic Leadership and Effective Governance</i> .
Delivery Program links	This project contributes to the Delivery Program deliverables 4.2.4 Improve support services and facilities to assist works delivery and 5.3.2 Implement systems and strategies to improve productivity across the organisation.
Operational Plan links	This project is part of the 2015-16 Operational Plan action 5.3.7.a Progress the Financial Sustainability Initiative and other projects from Council's Improvement Proposal.
Scope	The <i>Plant and fleet management review</i> will ensure efficient and effective usage of resources in delivering infrastructure and services to the community.
Lead	Procurement & Contracts Manager
Team members / contributors	Plant Works Delivery Manager Plant Superintendent Chief Financial Officer Fleet Plant Superintendent Chief Financial Officer Principal Environment Planner



Project	Plant and fleet management review continued
Budget	To be undertaken in-house within existing budgets.
Key Milestones	 2015 – Commence review 2016 – Continue review and incorporate results into 2017-21 Delivery Program and long-term financial plan forecasts.
2015-16 Action	 Establish project teams Scope projects Commence review
Status/Comments	This project was identified in Council's Improvement Proposal as part of the Fit for the Future reform package. This project will be split into two sub-projects to separately review plant and fleet.
Risk Assessment	Risk: Lack of integration between Financial Sustainability Initiative projects leading to duplication and inefficiency. Mitigation: The Management Team to act as the Project Control Group to oversee the coordinated implementation of these projects. Risk: Lack of executive/political support for project outcomes leading to an inability to introduce positive changes. Mitigation: Progress to be included in Manager/Director Monthly Reports and quarterly IP&R reports. The Management Team to meet biannually with the Executive to discuss progress and priorities. Annual progress reports to be prepared for the elected Council. Councillors to be briefed on individual projects as they are being implemented.
Benefits	Cost-effective and optimised plant operations to facilitate the delivery of services and infrastructure. Appropriate fleet management to minimise costs and attract/retain staff.



Project	Procurement review
FSI Objectives	 Reduce costs Improve value-for-money Improve governance
Fit for the Future impacts	 Operating performance ratio Building and infrastructure renewal ratio Asset maintenance ratio Real operating expenditure per capita
Community Strategic Plan links	This project contributes to the community's desired outcome of <i>Civic Leadership and Effective Governance</i> .
Delivery Program links	This project contributes to the Delivery Program deliverable 5.3.2 Implement systems and strategies to improve productivity across the organisation.
Operational Plan links	This project is part of the 2015-16 Operational Plan action 5.3.7.a Progress the Financial Sustainability Initiative and other projects from Council's Improvement Proposal.
Scope	The <i>Procurement review</i> will critically review spending on materials and contracts and ensure robust procurement practices.
Lead	Procurement & Contracts Manager
Team members / contributors	Governance & Business Services Manager Purchasing & Stores Coordinator Design Delivery Manager Chief Financial Officer
Budget	To be undertaken in-house within existing budgets.



Project	Procurement review continued
Key Milestones	2015 – Implement new procedures and investigate opportunities for further efficiencies.
2015-16 Action	 Implement new procedures Investigate opportunities for further efficiencies
Status/Comments	The procurement system was reviewed and policies/procedures revised in 2014. This project was identified in Council's Improvement Proposal as part of the Fit for the Future reform package.
Risk Assessment	Risk: Lack of integration between Financial Sustainability Initiative projects leading to duplication and inefficiency. Mitigation: The Management Team to act as the Project Control Group to oversee the coordinated implementation of these projects. Risk: Lack of executive/political support for project outcomes leading to an inability to introduce positive changes. Mitigation: Progress to be included in Manager/Director Monthly Reports and quarterly IP&R reports. The Management Team to meet biannually with the Executive to discuss progress and priorities. Annual progress reports to be prepared for the elected Council. Councillors to be briefed on individual projects as they are being implemented.
Benefits	Procuring the most appropriate goods and services in a correct and timely manner.



Project	Project management framework improvement
FSI Objectives	Improve value for money Improve governance
Fit for the Future impacts	 Operating performance ratio Building and infrastructure renewal ratio Asset maintenance ratio Real operating expenditure per capita
Community Strategic Plan links	This project contributes to the community's desired outcome of <i>Civic Leadership and Effective Governance</i> .
Delivery Program links	This project contributes to the Delivery Program deliverable 5.3.2 Implement systems and strategies to improve productivity across the organisation.
Operational Plan links	This project is part of the 2015-16 Operational Plan action 5.3.7.a Progress the Financial Sustainability Initiative and other projects from Council's Improvement Proposal.
Scope	The <i>Project management framework improvement project</i> will improve the robustness of Council's project management framework to more efficiently deliver infrastructure and services.
Lead	Design Delivery Manager
Team members / contributors	Works Delivery Engineer Project Engineer Procurement & Contracts Manager Principal Environment Planner With contributions from: Recreation Services Manager, Strategic Land Use Planning Manager, Strategic Asset Planning Manager and Infrastructure Accountant
Budget	To be undertaken in-house within existing budgets.



Project	Project management framework improvement continued
Key Milestones	 2015-16 – Project team established to review framework and identify improvements. 2016-17 – Transition to improved project management framework commences.
2015-16 Action	 Establish project team Scope project Commence review of existing framework
Status/Comments	This project was identified in Council's Improvement Proposal as part of the Fit for the Future reform package.
Risk Assessment	Risk: Lack of integration between Financial Sustainability Initiative projects leading to duplication and inefficiency. Mitigation: The Management Team to act as the Project Control Group to oversee the coordinated implementation of these projects. Risk: Lack of executive/political support for project outcomes leading to an inability to introduce positive changes. Mitigation: Progress to be included in Manager/Director Monthly Reports and quarterly IP&R reports. The Management Team to meet biannually with the Executive to discuss progress and priorities. Annual progress reports to be prepared for the elected Council. Councillors to be briefed on individual projects as they are being implemented.
Benefits	A consistent and efficient approach to delivering infrastructure and services.



Project	Rating structure review
FSI Objectives	Improve governance
Fit for the Future impacts	• N/A
Community Strategic Plan links	This project contributes to the community's desired outcome of <i>Civic Leadership and Effective Governance</i> .
Delivery Program links	This project contributes to the Delivery Program deliverable 5.3.2 Implement systems and strategies to improve productivity across the organisation.
Operational Plan links	This project is part of the 2015-16 Operational Plan action 5.3.7.a Progress the Financial Sustainability Initiative and other projects from Council's Improvement Proposal.
Scope	The Rating structure review will reduce the number of rating categories and re-align all rates to the residential rates.
Lead	Chief Financial Officer
Team members / contributors	Senior Revenue Accountant
Budget	To be undertaken in-house within existing budgets.



Project	Rating structure review continued
Key Milestones	 2015-17 – Project team to develop framework and work up options. 2017-18 – Transition to new structure to be incorporated into Revenue Policy.
2015-16 Action	 Project team established Scope review Commence review
Status/Comments	This project was identified in Council's Improvement Proposal as part of the Fit for the Future reform package.
Risk Assessment	Risk: Lack of integration between Financial Sustainability Initiative projects leading to duplication and inefficiency. Mitigation: The Management Team to act as the Project Control Group to oversee the coordinated implementation of these projects. Risk: Lack of executive/political support for project outcomes leading to an inability to introduce positive changes. Mitigation: Progress to be included in Manager/Director Monthly Reports and quarterly IP&R reports. The Management Team to meet biannually with the Executive to discuss progress and priorities. Annual progress reports to be prepared for the elected Council. Councillors to be briefed on individual projects as they are being implemented.
Benefits	A more equitable and transparent rating structure.



Project	Records management review
FSI Objectives	Improve governance
Fit for the Future impacts	 Operating performance ratio Real operating expenditure per capita
Community Strategic Plan links	This project contributes to the community's desired outcome of <i>Civic Leadership and Effective Governance</i> .
Delivery Program links	This project contributes to the Delivery Program deliverable 5.3.2 Implement systems and strategies to improve productivity across the organisation.
Operational Plan links	This project is part of the 2015-16 Operational Plan action 5.3.7.a Progress the Financial Sustainability Initiative and other projects from Council's Improvement Proposal.
Scope	The Records management review will improve record keeping practices to minimise the organisation's risk exposure and enhance operational efficiency.
Lead	Governance & Business Services Manager
Team members / contributors	Corporate Records Coordinator
Budget	To be undertaken in-house within existing budgets.



Project	Records management review continued
Key Milestones	 2015 – Internal audit review. 2016 – Commence implementation of review recommendations.
2015-16 Action	 Conduct internal audit Establish project team Commence implementation of internal audit recommendations
Status/Comments	This project was identified in Council's Improvement Proposal as part of the Fit for the Future reform package.
Risk Assessment	Risk: Lack of integration between Financial Sustainability Initiative projects leading to duplication and inefficiency. Mitigation: The Management Team to act as the Project Control Group to oversee the coordinated implementation of these projects. Risk: Lack of executive/political support for project outcomes leading to an inability to introduce positive changes. Mitigation: Progress to be included in Manager/Director Monthly Reports and quarterly IP&R reports. The Management Team to meet biannually with the Executive to discuss progress and priorities. Annual progress reports to be prepared for the elected Council. Councillors to be briefed on individual projects as they are being implemented.
Benefits	Compliant records management that supports the organisation provide services and infrastructure to the community.



Project	Embed a continuous improvement culture
FSI Objectives	 Reduce costs Improve value for money
Fit for the Future impacts	 Operating performance ratio Real operating expenditure per capita
Community Strategic Plan links	This project contributes to the community's desired outcome of <i>Civic Leadership and Effective Governance</i> .
Delivery Program links	This project contributes to the Delivery Program deliverable 5.3.2 Implement systems and strategies to improve productivity across the organisation.
Operational Plan links	This project is part of the 2015-16 Operational Plan action 5.3.7.a Progress the Financial Sustainability Initiative and other projects from Council's Improvement Proposal.
Scope	The Embed a continuous improvement culture will reinforce a culture among staff of doing the right things the best way to provide exceptional service to the community.
Lead	Human Resources Manager
Suggested team members / contributors	Governance & Business Services Manager Economic Development Manager
Budget	To be undertaken in-house within existing budgets.



Project	Embed a continuous improvement culture continued
Key Milestones	 2015 – Develop organisational values and agreed behaviours 2016 – Pilot ways to integrate a continuous improvement philosophy into day-to-day operations.
2015-16 Action	Develop organisational values and agreed behaviours
Status/Comments	This project was identified in Council's Improvement Proposal as part of the Fit for the Future reform package.
Risk Assessment	Risk: Lack of integration between Financial Sustainability Initiative projects leading to duplication and inefficiency. Mitigation: The Management Team to act as the Project Control Group to oversee the coordinated implementation of these projects. Risk: Lack of executive/political support for project outcomes leading to an inability to introduce positive changes. Mitigation: Progress to be included in Manager/Director Monthly Reports and quarterly IP&R reports. The Management Team to meet biannually with the Executive to discuss progress and priorities. Annual progress reports to be prepared for the elected Council. Councillors to be briefed on individual projects as they are being implemented.
Benefits	A motivated and engaged workforce.