

Affordable Housing Strategy Action Plan

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1. Action Plan

1.1. Purpose of the Action Plan

Casey's Affordable Housing Strategy (the Strategy) articulates Council's vision for all Casey residents to have access to secure, appropriate, and affordable housing. The Strategy guides how to accomplish this vision through strategic principles. Once adopted by Council, the Strategy will be informed by this Action Plan for the implementation of the strategic principles for the advocacy, partnering, and facilitation of affordable housing in Casey.

1.2. Implementation of Strategic Principles

This section outlines the actions to implement the strategic principles and respond to the objectives identified by the strategic principles in this Strategy. Actions are proposed to be delivered within the following timeframes:

- » Ongoing
- » Short 1 year
- » Medium 2-3 years
- » Long 4+ years

1.3. Strategic Principle 1: Advocate

Action Number	Description	Lead & Support Department	Performance Measure(s)	Priority
1.1	<u>Homelessness</u> Advocate to State and Federal Governments to	Connected Communities <i>City and Asset</i>	Increase access to homelessness services and housing transition	Ongoing

	address homelessness within Casey, providing homelessness services, emergency accommodation and housing transition pathways for all the community.	<i>Planning</i>	pathways within Casey.	
1.2	<p><u>Affordable Housing Investment</u></p> <p>Advocate to the State and Federal Governments as well as to the private market to increase the investment in affordable housing within Casey including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Additional affordable housing stock. b. Implementation of innovative delivery mechanisms across all levers. c. Ensuring all surplus Victorian and Commonwealth Government land being redeveloped for residential or mixed land uses includes the delivery of affordable housing. 	City and Asset Planning <i>Connected Communities</i>	A minimum of a submission advocating to the Victorian and/or Commonwealth Governments.	Ongoing
1.3	<p><u>Policy and Legislative Change</u></p> <p>Advocate for policy and legislative change to enable local governments to require affordable housing contributions in the <i>Casey Planning Scheme</i>. This includes investigating mandatory measures such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Inclusionary zoning, b. Development contributions. 	Growth and Investment Planning and Building <i>City and Asset Planning</i>	A minimum of a submission advocating to the Victorian Government.	Ongoing

1.4. Strategic Principle 2: Partner

Action Number	Description	Lead & Support Department	Performance Measure(s)	Priority
2.1	<p><u>Homelessness</u></p> <p>Council to work with housing and homelessness service providers to ensure Casey residents have access to services through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identifying service gaps to support vulnerable residents. b. Promoting services to the community. c. Assisting with grant applications. 	Connected Communities <i>City and Asset Planning</i>	<p>Increased community access to homelessness services</p> <p>Promote local service providers on Council's website.</p> <p>Support partner organisations in grant delivery through scoping and support letters.</p>	<p>Short</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
2.2	Implementation of the Regional Local Government Homelessness and Social Housing Charter.	Connected Communities <i>City and Asset Planning</i>	Implement Regional Commitments.	Long
2.3	<p><u>Affordable Housing Investment</u></p> <p>Council to work with private proponents to negotiate affordable housing outcomes appropriate for each site.</p>	Planning and Building Growth and Investment <i>City and Asset Planning</i>	Number of successful section 173 agreements executed.	Ongoing

2.4	Council to work with the State and Federal Government to identify public land that could be used to facilitate affordable housing outcomes through scoping partnerships.	City and Asset Planning <i>Growth and Investment</i>	A list of Victorian and Commonwealth Government land has been identified to support partnership and advocacy for increased affordable housing outcomes.	Medium
2.5	<u>Awareness Raising</u> Council to work with the community to raise awareness of housing stress and the importance of affordable housing within Casey.	Connected Communities <i>City and Asset Planning</i>	Increased community support for affordable housing. Decreased objections to affordable planning permit applications.	Ongoing Ongoing
2.6	Council to publish information on affordable housing on Council's website.	City and Asset Planning <i>Growth and Investment</i> <i>Connected Communities</i>	Publish information on affordable housing for residents, landowners and developers on Council's website.	Short
2.7	Council to work with other Councils to share resources and knowledge to support affordable housing outcomes.	<i>Connected Communities</i> City and Asset Planning	Council has increased partnerships with others within the sector.	Ongoing
2.8	<u>Data and Research</u> Council to establish a clear understanding of affordable housing needs within Casey to support affordable housing negotiations, service delivery needs and advocacy.	City and Asset Planning	Affordable housing needs within Casey have been determined.	Ongoing
2.9	Council to undertake a review of planning schemes and previous successful affordable housing negotiations to identify how affordable housing is best facilitated.	Planning and Building <i>City and Asset Planning</i>	An understanding of best practice to support affordable housing negotiations and implementation has been established. Affordable housing tour has been undertaken.	Medium Medium

1.5. Strategic Principle 3: Facilitate

Action Number	Description	Lead & Support Department	Performance Measure(s)	Priority
3.1	<u>Capacity Building</u> Council to establish a Project Action Group consisting of Council officers whose responsibility is to develop an evaluation plan, monitor and execute the actions contained within this Strategy.	City and Asset Planning <i>Connected Communities</i>	Project Action Group established.	Short
3.2	Council to build staff knowledge of affordable housing and implementation mechanisms.	City and Asset Planning <i>Connected Communities</i>	Affordable housing tour has been undertaken. Council has a solid	Medium Medium

		<i>Growth and Investment</i>	knowledge and evidence base of affordable housing needs across Casey.	
3.3	<u>Affordable Housing Investment</u> Council to investigate opportunities for the inclusion of affordable housing in the Strategic Utilisation of Council Owned Land (SUCOL) program.	Growth and Investment <i>Property and Procurement</i>	Affordable housing outcomes have been considered for SUCOL projects where appropriate.	Ongoing
3.4	<u>Data and Research</u> Council to determine how to manage affordable housing contributions.	City and Asset Planning <i>Finance and Rates</i>	Method established and documented for the storage of affordable housing contributions.	Long

2. Document History

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