

Draft Community Engagement Policy

Strategic context

The Community Engagement Policy and Framework will progress:

- The priorities of the Sunshine Coast Community Strategy 2019-2041
- Council's *Excellence in Engagement* approach to community engagement.



Community Engagement Policy

Commitment:

Council recognises that the Sunshine Coast has a rich diversity within its local communities and that effective and appropriate community engagement is essential in making better informed decisions which are responsive to community needs.

Principles:

Inclusive – Innovative – Well-planned –
Collaborative – Transparent

Community Engagement Framework

- Provides a consistent methodology to delivering community engagement
- 5 stage process for best practice community engagement



Implementation

The Community Engagement Action Plan outlines community engagement priorities up to 2022.

Strategic Pillars:

Organisational coordination and capacity building

Collaboration and innovation

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) receive and note the report titled “Community Engagement Policy”
- b) adopt the Community Engagement Policy (Appendix A)
- c) note the Community Engagement: Excellence in Engagement Framework (Attachment 1) and the Community Engagement Action Plan (Attachment 2), and
- d) refer the additional budget request of \$176,000 for consideration in the 2021/22 budget processes.