

Item 11: Community

11.1 Access to Information Policy & Agency Information Guide

REPORT BY THE GOVERNANCE COORDINATOR
TO 15 JUNE 2022 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400098, GOV400047

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Governance Coordinator on the Access to Information Policy & Agency Information Guide ;
2. place the amended Access to Information Policy & Agency Information Guide on public exhibition for 28 days; and
3. adopt the Access to Information Policy and Agency Information Guide if no submissions are received.

Executive summary

The Access to Information Policy and Agency Information Guide (AIG) are statutory requirements of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act). The proposed changes have been reviewed by the Information and Privacy Commission in accordance with sections 20 to 22 of the Act. The review of the Policy and the Guide ensures Council's legislative compliance.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

The Information and Privacy Commission NSW have assessed the Councils AIG against the requirements of sections 20 to 22 of the GIPA Act and guidance published by the IPC. The feedback received has been reported to the Executive and recommended changes have been adopted in the reviewed versions now presented to Council.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Good Governance
Goal	Good communications and engagement
Strategy	Improve communications between Council and the community and create awareness of Council's roles and responsibilities

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Community Plan

Council Policies

Access to Information Policy

Privacy Management Plan

Legislation

Local Government Act 1993

Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009

Financial implications

Not applicable

Associated Risks

It is requirement under legislation that Council endorses an appropriate Access to Information Policy and Agency Information Guide.

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GOVERNANCE COORDINATOR

20 May 2022

Attachments: 1. Agency Information Guide. (separately attached)
2. Access to Information Policy. (separately attached)

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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