

11.3 Mudgee Community Transport Policy

REPORT BY THE MANAGER, COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES
TO 19 APRIL 2023 ORDINARY MEETING
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Manager, Community & Cultural Services on the Mudgee Community Transport Policy;**
2. **place the Mudgee Community Transport Policy on exhibition for 28 days to seek feedback from the community; and**
3. **adopt the reviewed Mudgee Community Transport Policy if no submissions are received during the exhibition period.**

Executive summary

The Mudgee Community Transport Policy has been reviewed and updated in response to operational updates and industry reform since it was last reviewed.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

Council's Mudgee Community Transport Policy review is attached to this report. Amendments are largely minor and include:

1. Updating service priorities as drawn from current contractual arrangements with Transport for NSW;
2. References to Council's Children and Vulnerable People Policy are now included to firmly embed the Commonwealth Government's Serious Incident Response Scheme within service delivery; and
3. Requirements around the use of child restraints within service fleet have been updated to reflect realistic operations.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Looking After Our Community
Goal	Effective and efficient delivery of infrastructure
Strategy	Provide infrastructure and services to cater for the current and future needs of our community

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Not Applicable

Council Policies

Council's Children and Vulnerable People Policy and Procedure provide guidance around the Serious Incident Response Scheme for services, including Mudgee Community Transport.

Legislation

The reviewed policy takes into consideration the Serious Incident Response Scheme introduced for home care services within the *Aged Care Act 1997* in late 2022.

Financial implications

The Mudgee Community Transport Service is funded predominantly by Transport for NSW pursuant to its Funding Agreement with Council, and from client contributions as listed in Council's fees and charges.

Associated Risks

Not Applicable

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Attachments: 1. DRAFT Mudgee Community Policy - Reviewed March 2023. (separately attached)

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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