

Monitoring Progress Component

How is progress reported?

- Community Plan Update e-newsletter distributed bi-monthly to 550 subscribers
- Website – regular activity updates (www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/community_plan)
- Interim Progress Report presented to Council - June 2008
- Annual community forum

What has council done?

- Ensured the Community Plan has significantly influenced the 2008-2009 Council Plan
- Changed corporate planning processes to require all departments to report how their work addresses the strategic priorities in the Community Plan

What are the challenges?

Integration with corporate planning and budget cycles

The Community Plan is a framework to drive action both inside Council as well as in other community organisations and spheres of government. To achieve this, the Action Plans need to be updated regularly and integrated into corporate planning processes. Evidence of this integration is in the 2008-2009 Council Plan which has been significantly influenced by the Community Plan

Note: A new Council will be elected on Nov 29 and will be required by legislation to have a 4-year Council Plan completed by end of June 2009.

Getting the right indicators

The 2007/2008 Monitoring Action Plan included 99 possible progress indicators and noted these would need to be reviewed for effectiveness and availability of appropriate data. This pilot reporting period has identified that there are too many indicators to be manageable, the quality of some data is not good enough, and some of the indicators are not useful enough to warrant data collection. Consequently, the 2008 Report Cards provide information against a reduced number of indicators including some additional or revised ones. Please refer to separate hand out for explanatory details on why some indicators could not be useful.

Have we got the best indicators available? Are there other useful progress indicators and sets of data being missed? Email your suggestions and comments to commplan@portphillip.vic.gov.au

Working together

The Community Plan is a collective vision and set of priorities to guide Council, local businesses, community service organisations, and networks. The emphasis in the first year of implementation has been on aligning Council's commitments and priorities, policies and programs with the priorities in the Community Plan. What we don't necessarily know about or publicise is what other organisations, groups and individuals are doing to respond to the Community Plan priorities. A challenge for future years is to increase the level of participation and partnership between different groups and organisations in responding to the priorities in the community Plan.

Do you have ideas to make this happen? Email your suggestions and comments to commplan@portphillip.vic.gov.au

The monitoring framework is an accountability mechanism to report actions and impacts - i.e. did people and organisations do what they said they would do, and what progress is being made.

The 2008 Report Cards map progress against fifteen community priorities and all components of the Community Plan. Data to measure progress is drawn from a variety of sources – Council data, State Government data, and the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

This year, the indicators are primarily designed to set benchmarks to measure progress against over the next nine years.



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