

# ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Let's take a look at the options

We prefer this option

**OPTION 1 - Reduce the funding for the Economic and Community Development activity, including a reduction in community grant funding, and creating a contestable fund of \$100,000 per year**

An immediate costs savings of \$405,778 and a rates reduction of 1.1% from this activity, which is already factored into the rates increase on page 16

Any community group can apply for grant funding as part of the contestable fund

A reduction in levels of service for Economic and Community Development

Less funding available to individuals and community groups

Everyone is applying to the same fund for a variety of activities

Some historic agreements will change

**What is the cost?**

We have already included the saving of \$405,778 in the rates proposal on page 16

**How does that impact rates?**

We have included this saving in the rates proposal on page 16

**What is the impact on debt?**

NIL

**Impact on the level of service?**

Reduction in community wdevelopment support for the community, incl. reduction in support for external funding, and less availability of grant funding

**OPTION 2 - Do nothing, status quo**

There are no savings therefore no reduction in rates for these activities

Rates would need to increase by 1.1% to reincorporate this activity at its current delivery model

Individuals and community groups have the same funding pool to apply to, and grant opportunities as they have in the past

There is no changes to the level of service provided by the Economic and Community Development activities

The current grants are very specific to who they are awarded too. This makes it difficult for other organisations to apply

**What is the cost?**

\$405,778 per annum increase in total rates

**How does that impact rates?**

This would mean an average 1.1% increase in the proposed rates on page 16

**What is the impact on debt?**

NIL

**Impact on the level of service?**

No change

**OUR PREFERRED OPTION.**

**We prefer option 1.**

This provides us with the opportunity to rescope the activity to ensure that value is being provided. It also ensures we are focusing on funding other crucial Council responsibilities like water challenges and aging infrastructure. There is also a reduction of \$405,778 in funding and 1.1% reduction in rates for this activity.

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Closing date for submissions is 30 May 2024 at 5pm

## What do you think?

We want to hear your thoughts on the proposed options. Should we:

1. Reduce the funding for the Economic and Community Development activity?
2. Do nothing / Status quo

I choose  Option 1  Option 2

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Comment:

Please tick if you would like to make your submission in person at a council meeting

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