Draft Operational Plan FAQ

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What is the Draft Operational Plan?

The Draft Operational Plan includes Council's 2017-18 financial year proposed budget, revenue policy, fees and charges. It was developed primarily using the Community Strategic Plans and Delivery Programs of the two former Councils. All previously offered services will continue.

Following the election in September, the new Council will develop and adopt a new Community Strategic Plan and make decisions about the priorities and direction of Council activities for the long term.

Where can I review it?

The Draft Operational Plan is now on public exhibition until Monday 26 June. It can be viewed via Council's website www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au or by visiting one of Council's offices.

How do I have my say?

Council welcomes feedback on the Draft Operational Plan. Please address any comments in writing to the Interim General Manager, PO Box 420 Cootamundra 2590 or email to mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au by midday Monday 26 June 2017.

What is the bottom line?

The 2017-18 budget is affected by two key matters:

- The two former councils had budgeted net operating losses prior to amalgamation, which results in CGRC starting in a deficit position; and
- The timing of federal government funding which will be received by Council in the current financial year but is allocated for spending in the 2017-18 financial year. As a result, what appears to be an over-expenditure is in effect the spending of money that has been received in the previous financial year.

Adjusted for the timing differences, the projected 2017-18 budget position is a deficit of $1.7 million in consolidated revenue (this include general, water and sewer funds combined.)

The 2017-18 budget ensures that Council continues the service delivery of the two former Councils. Future budgets will focus on continuous review of all services so that we can make sure that Council's resources are used in the most efficient way.