Report by David Backhouse, General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Delivery Program progress report for Community Wellbeing for the period July to December 2012 be noted.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Council with the Delivery Program progress report for Community Wellbeing for the period July to December 2012.

REPORT

Background

In accordance with the requirements of the NSW Division of Local Government’s Integrated Planning and Reporting guidelines and Section 404 of the Local Government Act 1993, a six monthly progress report is presented to Council on the principal activities in the Delivery Program.

In 2012, Council adopted its Community Strategic Plan ‘Strathfield 2025’. This plan and the supporting Delivery Program and Operational Plan are based on extensive community engagement and consultation. The themes of Strathfield 2025, which frame all subordinate plans, are Connectivity, Community Wellbeing, Prosperity and Opportunities, Liveable Neighbourhoods and Responsible Leadership.

The Delivery Program 2012-2016 and Operational Plan 2012-2013 were endorsed by Council on 29 June 2012, with commencement from 1 July 2012. The Delivery Program contains four year objectives against each of the five principal themes and the Operational Plan conveys yearly actions and key performance indicators to detail what Council intends on doing and how progress will be measured.

In October 2012, Council adopted a Standing Committee structure which aligns with the five strategic themes set out in Council’s Community Strategic Plan ‘Strathfield 2025’. Progress reports will be presented to the relevant Council Standing Committee for review.

Strategic Theme: Community Wellbeing

The Community Wellbeing strategic theme has three major strategies, in which Council’s programs, activities and services are aligned. These strategies are:

- Strathfield is a safe, healthy and clean place
- Strathfield community is healthy, active and inclusive
- Strathfield is a harmonious community with a strong sense of community cohesion
The development of these strategies was based on extensive community consultation to identify the community’s short-term to long-term views and aspirations for Strathfield. The focus of the Community Wellbeing theme includes:

- **Strathfield is a vibrant and diverse community.** Council plays an important role in protecting and enhancing the wellbeing of the local community by providing safe, clean, healthy and attractive environments, access to public spaces and community facilities, and opportunities to participate in learning, recreation, community programs and activities.

- **Providing a safe, clean, healthy and attractive local environment for the community** is achieved by protecting and improving public amenity and working with the community and Police to improve community safety and managing compliance issues.

- **Adapting the management of Council facilities, parks and open spaces and developing innovative programs to suit community needs** will create opportunities for recreation and activities.

- **The harmonious nature of Strathfield’s diverse community** provides a strong foundation from which to build and deliver community and recreational programs and activities that cater for people of all ages, cultures and abilities.

The attached progress report covers the period July to December 2012. The report indicates that Council is progressing well against its objectives and meeting targets and service standards.

**REFERRAL FROM OTHER DEPARTMENT**

All Council departments, Directors and Managers were consulted in the production of this progress report.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Community Wellbeing Delivery Program and Operational Plan progress report – July to December 2012