

Strathfield Community Strategic Plan Review 2021 – 2022 FAQs

What is a Community Strategic Plan?

The Community Strategic Plan (CSP) is a long term strategic plan that all Councils in NSW are required to develop on behalf of their communities. The CSP is a shared vision of what the Strathfield community values and aspires to for the next ten years and beyond.

The CSP is part of the statutory Integrated Planning & Reporting (IPR) suite of documents which guides the elected Council. The plan must be prepared and delivered as a partnership between Council and its community stakeholders, including state agencies, community groups and individuals.

Why do we need a Community Strategic Plan?

The purpose of the plan is to identify the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future, and to plan strategies for achieving these. The plan must take into account the pressures affecting the community and the level of resources realistically available to achieve its aims.

To find out more about Community Strategic Planning, see the Integrated Planning and Reporting pages on the NSW Office of Local Government website at <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/councils/integrated-planning-and-reporting/>

Why is the CSP being reviewed?

The CSP is required under the Local Government Act 1993 to be reviewed after the Council election (which was held in December 2021). The new or revised CSP will be exhibited and adopted by 1 July 2022.

What suburbs are covered by the Plan?

The plan includes all suburbs in the local government area of Strathfield which includes Strathfield, Strathfield South, Homebush, Homebush West, parts of Belfield, Chullora and Greenacre.

What is QBL?

The CSP's strategic objectives for the community must address social, environmental, economic and civic leadership issues identified by the community (commonly referred to as "the quadruple bottom line" (QBL)

Strategies in the CSP are required to reference the Quadruple Bottom Line (QBL) eg the economic, environmental, social and civic leadership (governance) impacts in decision making and planning.

Who is the community?

The community includes all people who live, work, visit, study, own property, operate businesses or use the services, facilities and public areas of the Strathfield Council area.

The Strathfield LGA is home to about 48,000 people, which is predicted to grow to over 80,000 people by 2036. The Strathfield LGA has significant commercial and industrial lands, providing about 40,000 jobs. The Strathfield

LGA is a major educational centre and visitors are attracted to restaurants, cafes, services and shops. There are also visitors to parks and sportsgrounds on a regular basis as those using transport and linking transport to rail and buses.

What is the purpose of community engagement?

Strathfield Council has a longstanding commitment to community engagement with its community and stakeholders. Engagement with the community ensures that that key stakeholders and the community have input in the overall direction of the Community Strategic Plan, that plans and strategies reflect the values and aspirations of the community and that findings from engagement is used to shape and support the preparation of the Community Strategic Plan.

How is the Community Strategic Plan developed?

The Community Strategic Plan is developed and delivered by Council in partnership with NSW Government agencies, business and industry groups, community groups and individuals. The community will be encouraged to participate in the community engagement process which will include:

- Community survey – feedback on prioritising the plan's directions, goals and strategies, and identify new issues and priorities.
- Mapping – identifying issues/concerns using online mapping
- Stakeholder interviews and meetings with diverse range of community organisations, agencies and education institutions across various themes/services areas to assist in identifying emerging issues and priorities.
- Seniors Forum - forum of older residents discussion of key issues and priorities
- Focus Groups – resident meetings on specific topics

In addition to the feedback gathered from residents, ratepayers and other stakeholders, Council will draw on the results of the 2020 Council Performance Survey, the 2021 Liveability Survey and recent consultations relating to other strategies and plans and utilise relevant demographics along with social and cultural research. This process will identify challenges and opportunities for the Strathfield LGA within the next 10+ years and identity and integrate shared community values into longer term planning for Strathfield.

How is the plan resourced?

Council is not responsible for delivering every outcome and strategy of the Plan as the plan has multiple partners and stakeholders. However, for the areas that Council is responsible, resourcing is detailed in the long-term Resourcing Strategies which include the Long-Term Financial Plan, Asset Management Strategy and Workforce Management Strategy. An Operational Plan and budget is adopted annually.

What are the key dates for review and adoption of the Community Strategic Plan?

Council needs to review, prepare and adopt its revised IP&R documents, including the Community Strategic Plan, by 30 June 2022. Community feedback will also be used to inform the review of Council's planning documents.

The draft plans will be prepared and presented to a Council meeting in early 2022 and placed on public exhibition. Following consideration of public submissions, the plan will be adopted by 30 June 2022.