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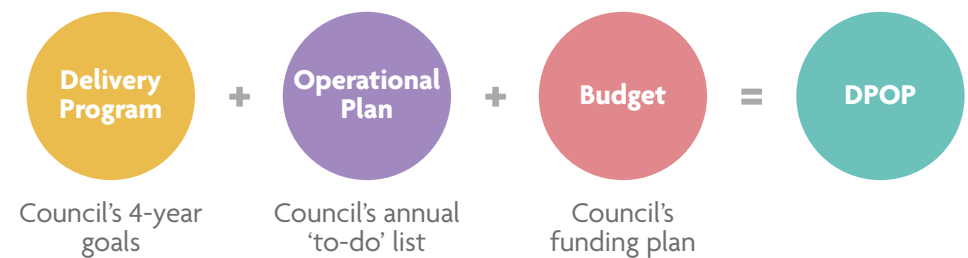
Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2026-2027 (DPOP)



The **Delivery Program** and **Operational Plan** (DPOP) are a set of key documents that every local council is required to prepare and follow.

Together, they outline Council's priorities and guide the work of staff over the short and medium term to meet the community's long-term vision outlined in the Community Strategic Plan - Strathfield 2040.

The DPOP is made up of three documents:



Delivery Program

The Delivery Program is a four-year plan outlining Council's key priorities, commitments, and major projects.

It is developed at the beginning of each Council term, following local government elections.

> The current Delivery Program spans from 2025 – 2029, in line with the current Council's term.

Operational Plan

The Operational Plan is Council's annual "to do list", which details the specific actions Council will deliver each year to achieve the goals set out in the Delivery Program.

This plan is reviewed and updated every year to ensure Council stays on track.

> The current draft Operational Plan is for the 2026-2027 financial year.

Budget

The Budget outlines how Council will fund its plans and priorities. It is made up of three parts:

- Estimated Income
- Estimated Expenditure
- Fees and Charges

The Budget is reviewed annually to ensure it is responsible and financially sustainable.

- **Estimated Income**

Council receives money from a variety of different sources, and this is outlined in the Estimated Income section.

- **Estimated Expenditure**

The Estimated Expenditure section outlines how Council will allocate our income, to best meet our goals.

This includes Capital Works, which are new projects, as well as funding for maintaining and renewing existing assets such as roads, footpaths, and buildings.

- **Fees and Charges**

Council offers a variety of services including venue and sportsground hire, planning assessments, compliance inspections and more.

The Fees and Charges outline how much these services cost and is available on Council's website for transparency.



See the **Budget Snapshot** on the Have Your Say page for more information on the financial year 2026/2027 budget



<https://haveyoursay.strathfield.nsw.gov.au/draft-delivery-program-2025-2029-and-operational-plan-2026-2027>

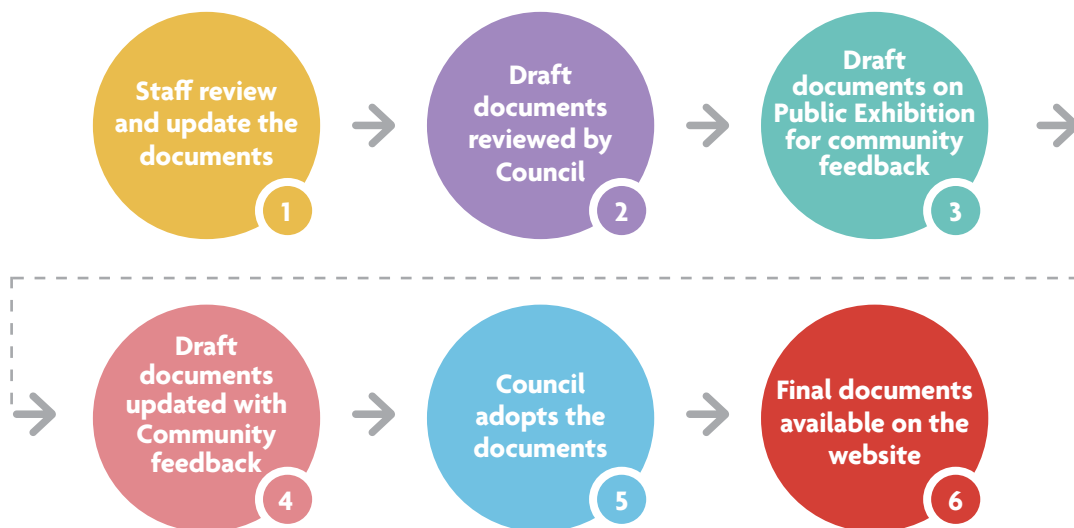
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How is the DPOP Approved?

Towards the end of each financial year (June), the draft DPOP goes on 'Public Exhibition'. That means residents and the general public can read it and submit their feedback.

After the Exhibition period closes, Council staff review all feedback and consider whether changes are needed. The final documents are then presented to the Councillors at a Council Meeting. If the Councillors agree that the documents are accurate and useful, they will be 'adopted', meaning they are approved and ready to be used by the staff and community. At this point the final documents are uploaded to the Council website, and won't be changed until the following year.



How You Can Have Your Say

When the draft documents are 'on exhibition' they are available for residents and the general community to read and provide feedback. You can do this via the Have Your Say website.

Feedback may include anything you think Council:

- > **Should be doing**
- > **Could be doing better**
- > **Could reconsider or change**

Maybe you would like to see more investment in roads, more passive green spaces, or less traffic. The feedback of residents is vital to ensure Council goals meet the requirements of the Community.



The DPOP is available
for feedback now!
Visit the Have Your
Say page today



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