Councillors,

In accordance with section 367 of the Local Government Act, 1993 notice is hereby given that a Briefing Committee Meeting will be held on:

DATE:      Tuesday 18 April 2017
TIME:      Following the Public Voice Session
VENUE:     Council Chambers
           2nd Floor
           City Hall
           290 King Street
           Newcastle  NSW  2300

Peter Chrystal
Interim Chief Executive Officer

City Administration Centre
282 King Street
NEWCASTLE  NSW  2300

Tuesday 11 April 2017

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PURPOSE

To brief Councillors on State Government requirements for the development of Council's next Community Strategic Plan (CSP) and the proposed community engagement steps to deliver.

BACKGROUND

Local Councils in NSW are required to undertake their planning and reporting activities in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

Council is required to complete a review of the CSP by 30 June in the year following local government elections. The next local government election is scheduled for September 2017, requiring a CSP to be adopted by June 2018. The CSP is a core strategic document that informs Council's Delivery Program under the requirements of the NSW Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Framework.

The benefits of developing a CSP include the formation of a holistic direction for both the Newcastle community and for Council, enhanced collaborative planning outcomes between Council, State and Federal agencies as well as ensuring that resources are allocated in a prioritised manner to meet community needs. The CSP must address social, environmental, economic and civic leadership themes in an integrated manner.

RECOMMENDATION

The briefing be received.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.