



Welcome to Murrindindi Shire Council's online community forum



Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Draft Council Plan 2021-2025, with Year 1 priorities, including Q&A
- Draft Financial Plan, including Q&A
- Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan, including Q&A
- Draft Municipal Public Health & Wellbeing Plan, including Q&A
- Open forum for any final questions
- Wrap up - what's next with the plans and close of meeting





Council Plan presented by Livia Bonazzi - Chief Executive Officer, and Shivaun Brown - Director
Community Engagement



Council Plan - How did we get here?

- Shaping Our Future - community engagement took place between 10 March and 24 April 2021
- More than 500 people participated – through detailed and more simple online surveys, conversations at pop-up kiosks throughout the Shire, an online Ideas Board, Easy English surveys and phone calls
- Thousands of pieces of information resulted and were used to help Council understand the priorities of community members
- Community Vision was one outcome of the Shaping Our Future engagement



Council Plan - How did we get here?

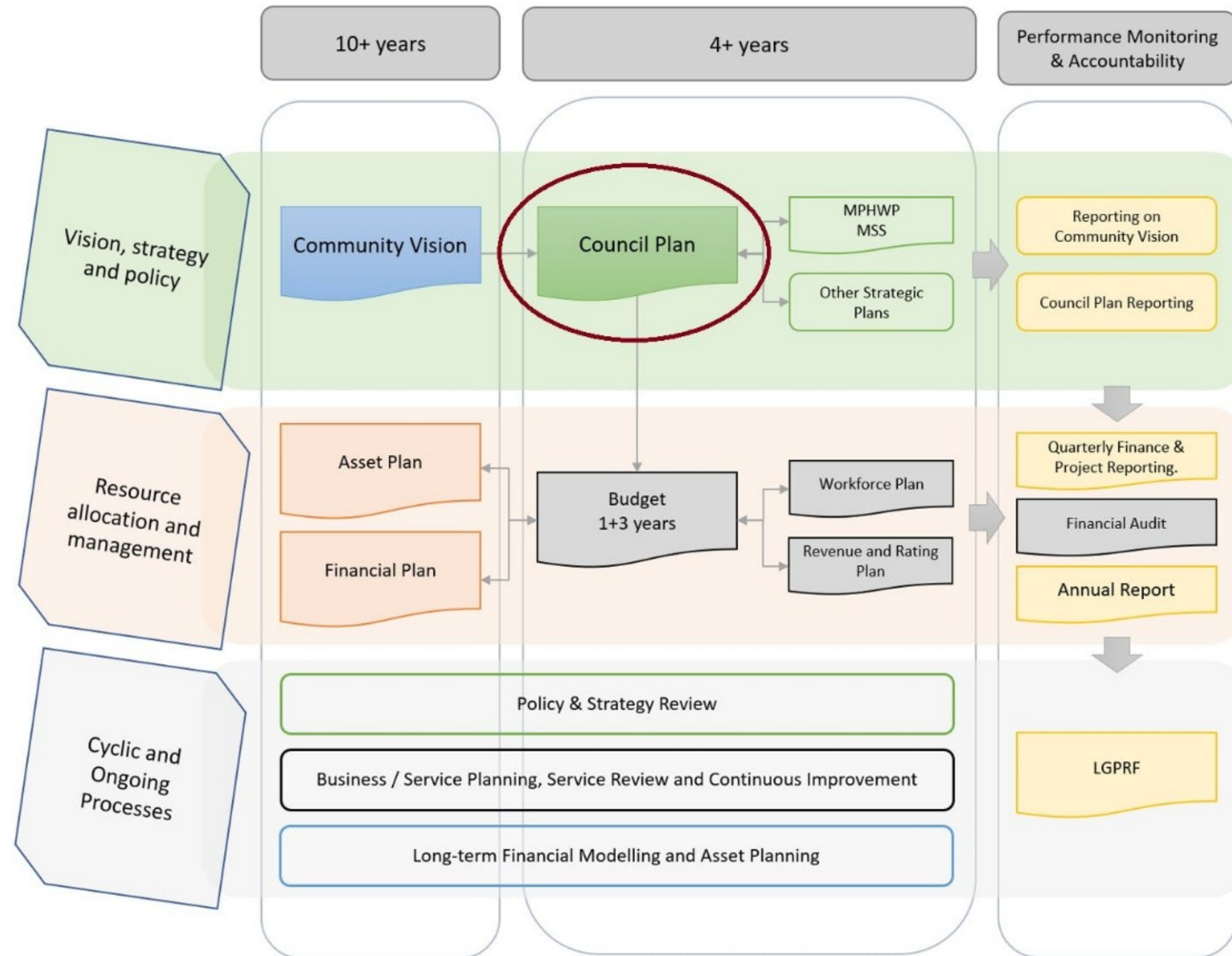
- Our draft Council Plan 2021-2022 is another key outcome, building on Shaping Our Future engagement
- From the data we received, five groupings emerged for areas Council should focus on
- Strategic objectives were developed setting out the focus areas for next four years
- The Year 1 Priority Action Plan was developed to highlight actions for the first year



The Council Plan is structured around five objectives

- **Resilient Communities:** To ensure we are welcoming, inclusive, caring and connected.
- **Beautiful Townships and Rural Settings:** To create a better place for our community and visitors to live in harmony with our rural character, natural beauty and heritage.
- **Growth and Opportunity:** To prioritise and promote a culture in which the economy, businesses and community can grow and thrive.
- **Our Protected Environment:** To protect and enhance our natural environment, supporting environmental sustainability, community resilience, innovation and adaptation to climate change to achieve net-zero emissions by 2035.
- **Transparent, Inclusive and Accountable:** To ensure our services, people and systems deliver the best possible outcomes for our communities now and into the future.





Council Plan Framework



Community Vision

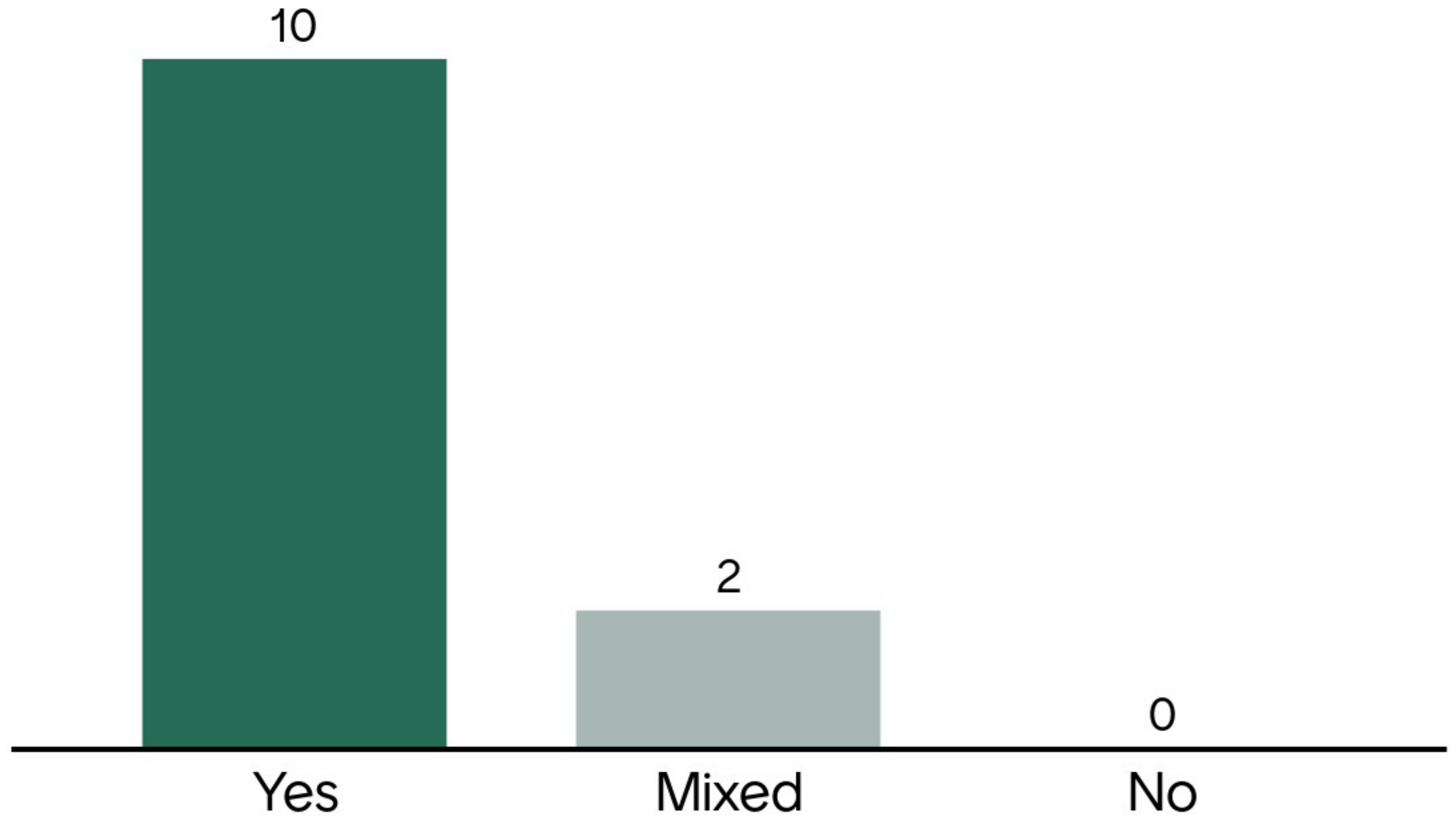
Strategic Direction: Resilient Communities	Strategic Direction: Beautiful Townships and Rural Settings	Strategic Direction: Growth & Opportunity	Strategic Direction: Our Protected Environment	Strategic Direction: Transparent, Inclusive and Accountable
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Strategic indicators (KPIs)	Strategic indicators (KPIs)	Strategic indicators (KPIs)	Strategic indicators (KPIs)	Strategic indicators (KPIs)
Priority Action Plan initiatives/projects (1-year horizon)	Priority Action Plan initiatives/projects (1-year horizon)	Priority Action Plan initiatives/projects (1-year horizon)	Priority Action Plan initiatives/projects (1-year horizon)	Priority Action Plan initiatives/projects (1-year horizon)



All about Menti

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- Voting is anonymous

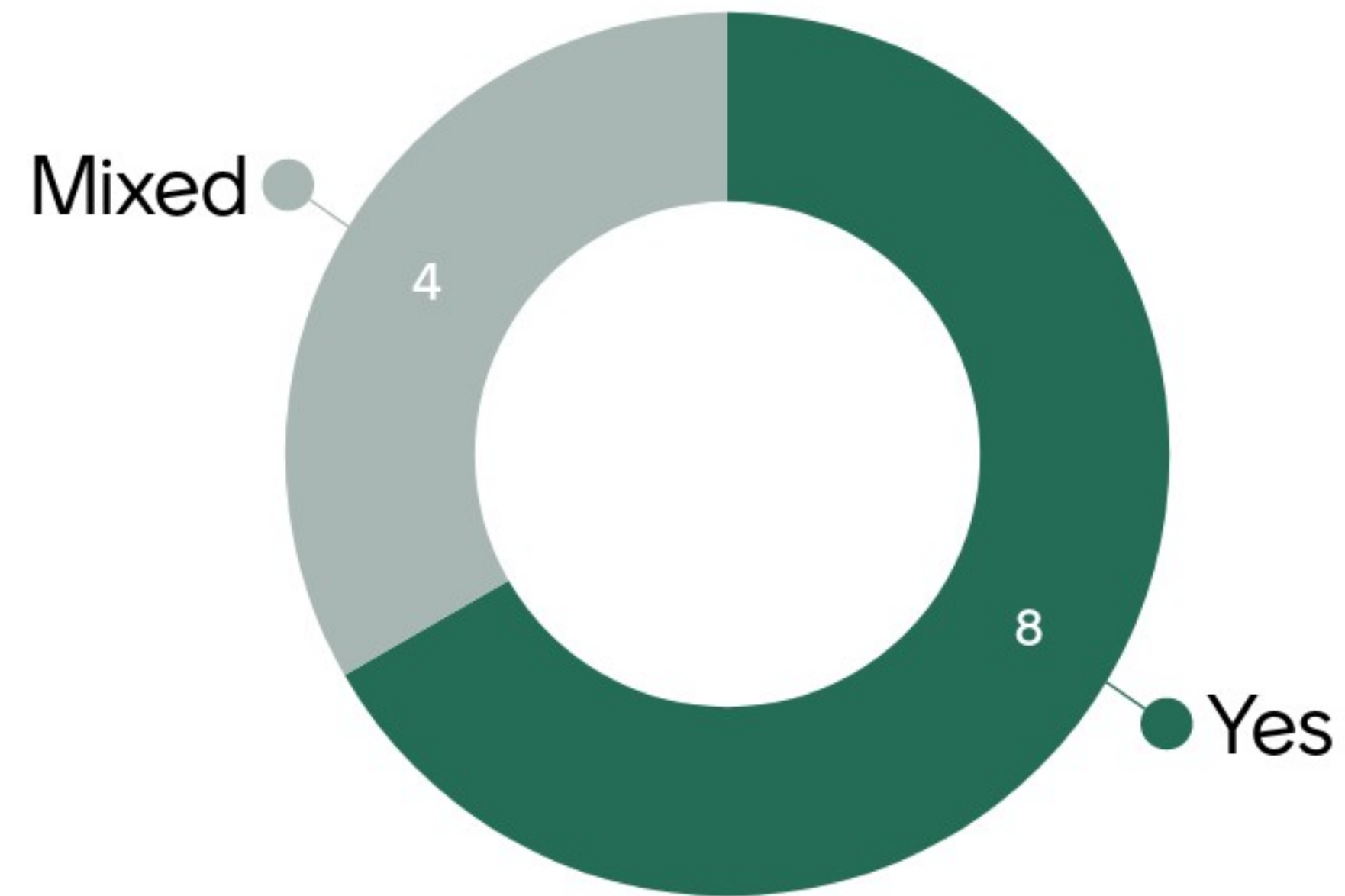
Do you support the direction for Council's work in the next four years, as set out in the draft Council Plan?



What is something you liked most in the Council Plan?



Do you support the projects proposed in the draft Year 1 Priority Action Plan?



Do you have a question or comment on the draft Council Plan?

Questions received from participants were;

How involved were the community?

How much money have you allocated for street tree planting in Alexandra in the next 12 months?

How do communities get involved / nominate for being a part of year 1 activities? OR are all stakeholders / beneficiaries already determined?

How open to feedback is Council for the draft Council Plan?

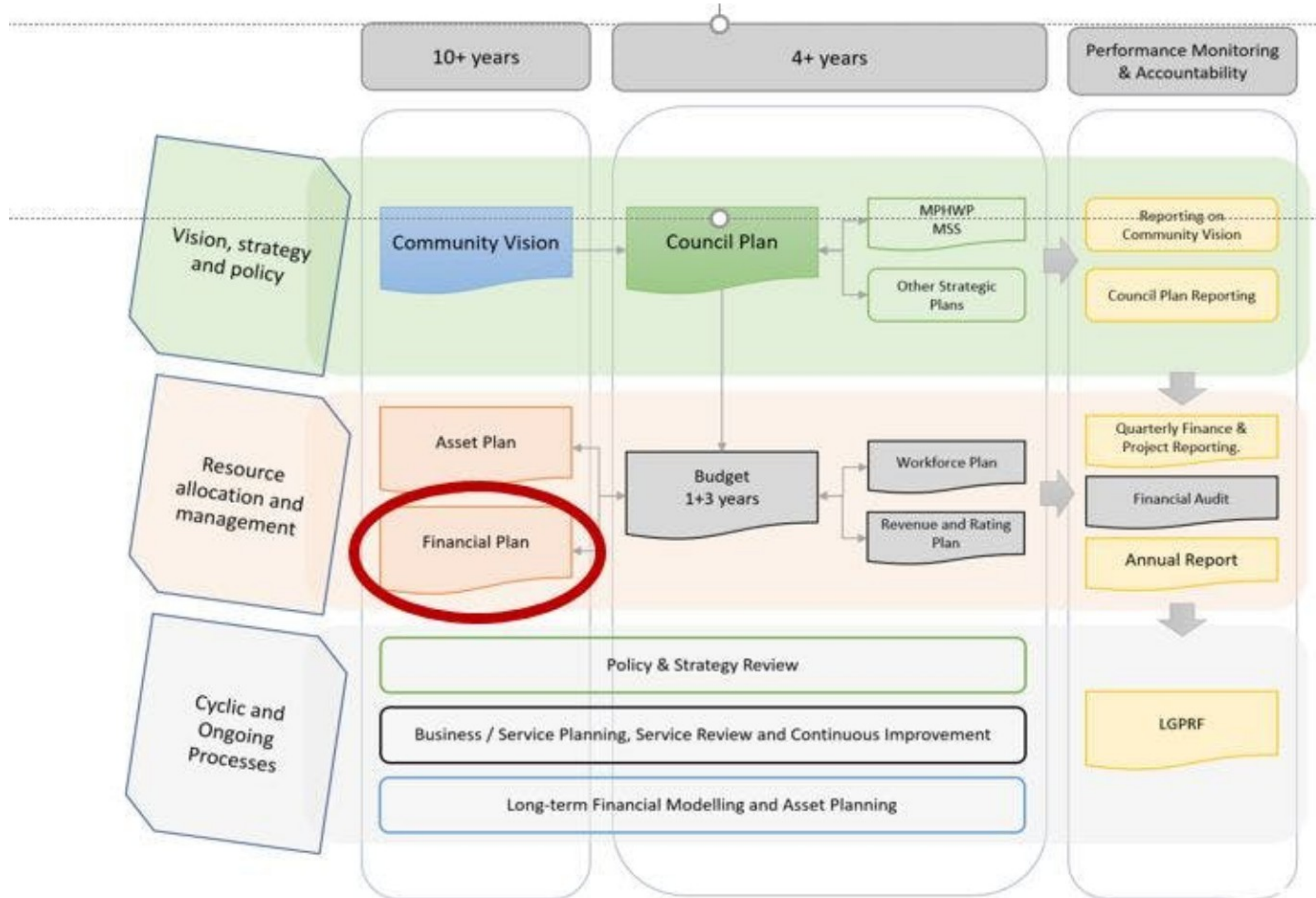
More focus needed on older people 50+ being 50% of population.z include Age friendly cities and decade of healthy ageing needed.

When the statement includes 'advocate for', is that because actual delivery is not possible through Council? Because actual delivery is not possible through Council, but there is strong community appetite?



Financial Plan presented by Michael Chesworth - Director Corporate and Shared Services, and
Graham Haylock - Manager Business Services





The Financial Plan

- Intended to provide a 10 year financially sustainable projection regarding how Council's work may be funded to achieve the Council Plan
- Defines the broad fiscal boundaries for planning and budget processes
- Informed by and informs the Council Plan, the Asset Plan, the Budget, Rating and Revenue Plan, Workforce Plan and all other adopted major strategies



The Financial Plan includes

- Financial statements (including a statement of human resources)
- Assumptions that underpin the forecasts
- Key levers: rates and charges; operating budget assumptions (services, labour and materials); capital works expenditure (renewal, new, expansion and upgrade); borrowings and reserves



Indicator	Measure	Forecast Actual										
		2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31
Operating position												
Adjusted underlying result	Adjusted underlying surplus (deficit) / Adjusted underlying revenue	-14.78%	-10.63%	-8.79%	-8.73%	-8.79%	-8.56%	-8.42%	-8.40%	-8.12%	-7.97%	-7.80%
Liquidity												
Working Capital	Current assets / current liabilities	475.37%	428.97%	419.82%	372.01%	355.13%	359.80%	354.23%	326.45%	319.86%	312.56%	301.49%
Unrestricted cash	Unrestricted cash / current liabilities	338.45%	283.88%	279.61%	236.41%	223.84%	232.58%	230.84%	206.68%	203.50%	199.41%	191.35%
Obligations												
Loans and borrowings	Interest bearing loans and borrowings / rate revenue	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Loans and borrowings	Interest and principal repayments on interest bearing loans and borrowings / rate revenue	2.40%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Indebtedness	Non-current liabilities / own source revenue	30.70%	29.43%	28.91%	28.33%	27.69%	27.00%	26.32%	25.67%	25.03%	24.41%	23.80%
Asset renewal	Asset renewal and upgrade expense / Asset depreciation	142.87%	158.18%	102.09%	84.35%	78.80%	79.38%	68.86%	66.09%	85.89%	70.56%	81.20%
Stability												
Rates concentration	Rate revenue / adjusted underlying revenue	65.89%	70.10%	70.32%	70.54%	70.76%	70.98%	71.20%	71.42%	71.64%	71.86%	72.07%
Rates effort	Rate revenue / CIV of rateable properties in the municipality	0.40%	0.37%	0.37%	0.37%	0.37%	0.37%	0.37%	0.37%	0.37%	0.38%	0.38%
Efficiency												
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Current financial challenges and opportunities

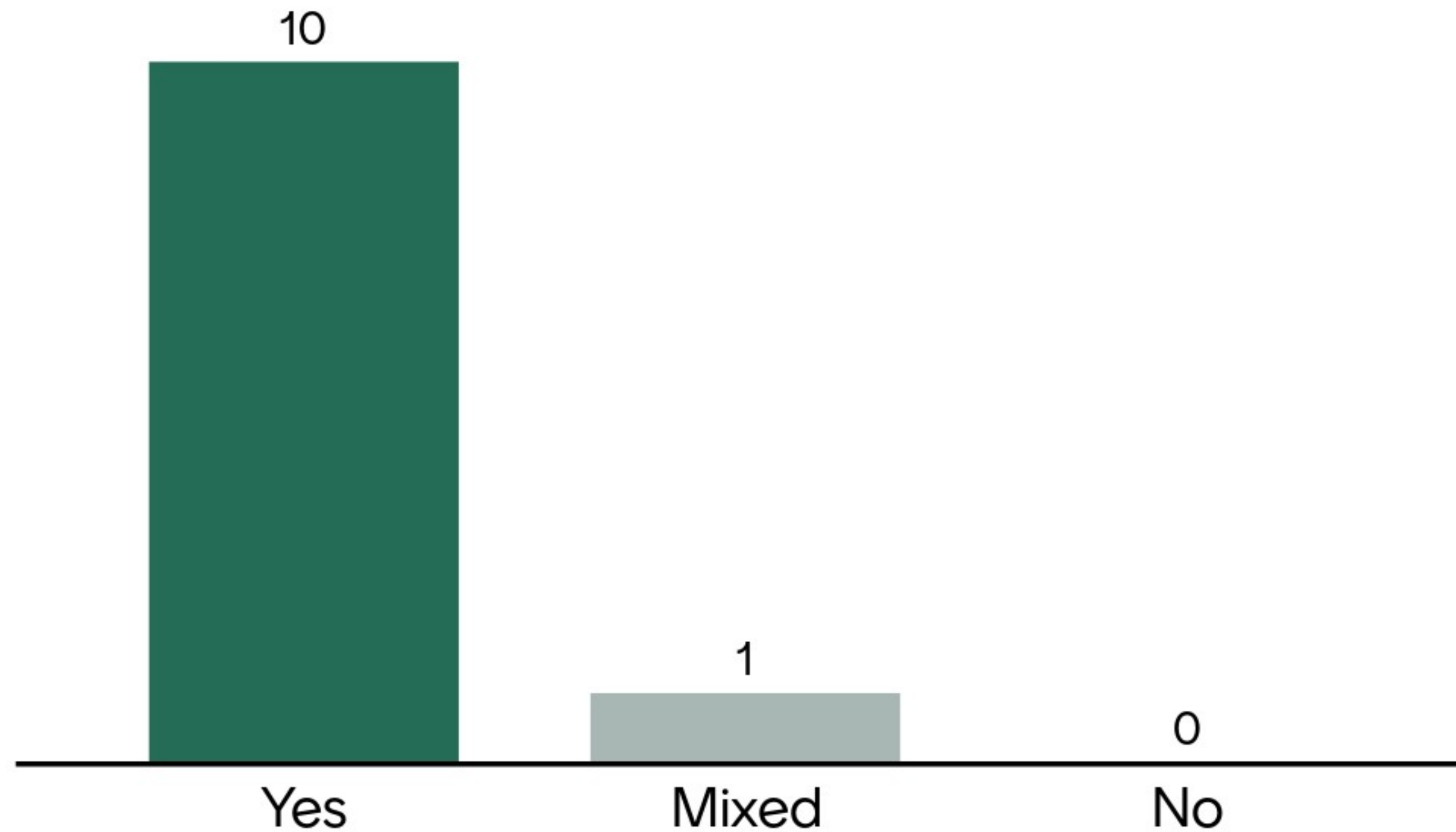


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Current financial challenges and opportunities



Do you support the proposed approaches for Council's long term financial viability, as set out in the draft Financial Plan?



Do you have a question or comment on the draft Financial Plan?

Questions received from participants were;

What amount of \$\$ do the assett % represent

Good to hear with little debt, especially after COVID- well done

Are human resources treated in the same way as physical assets?

Is now a good time to borrow when interest rates are so low?

Is there a set place that residents from certain townships can discuss areas of most concern / in need of funding with council? As different areas will have different priorities.



**Domestic Animal Management Plan presented by Vito Albicini - Director Assets and Development,
and Casey Southurst - Coordinator Community Safety**



Why we need a Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP)

Domestic Animals Act 1994 s.68A

Each council must, in consultation with the Secretary, prepare a domestic animal management plan on 4 December 2021 and at the end of each period of 4 years after that day.

- Council's current 2017-2021 DAMP is due to expire
- A DAMP must meet certain requirements (key focus areas)

What have we done so far?

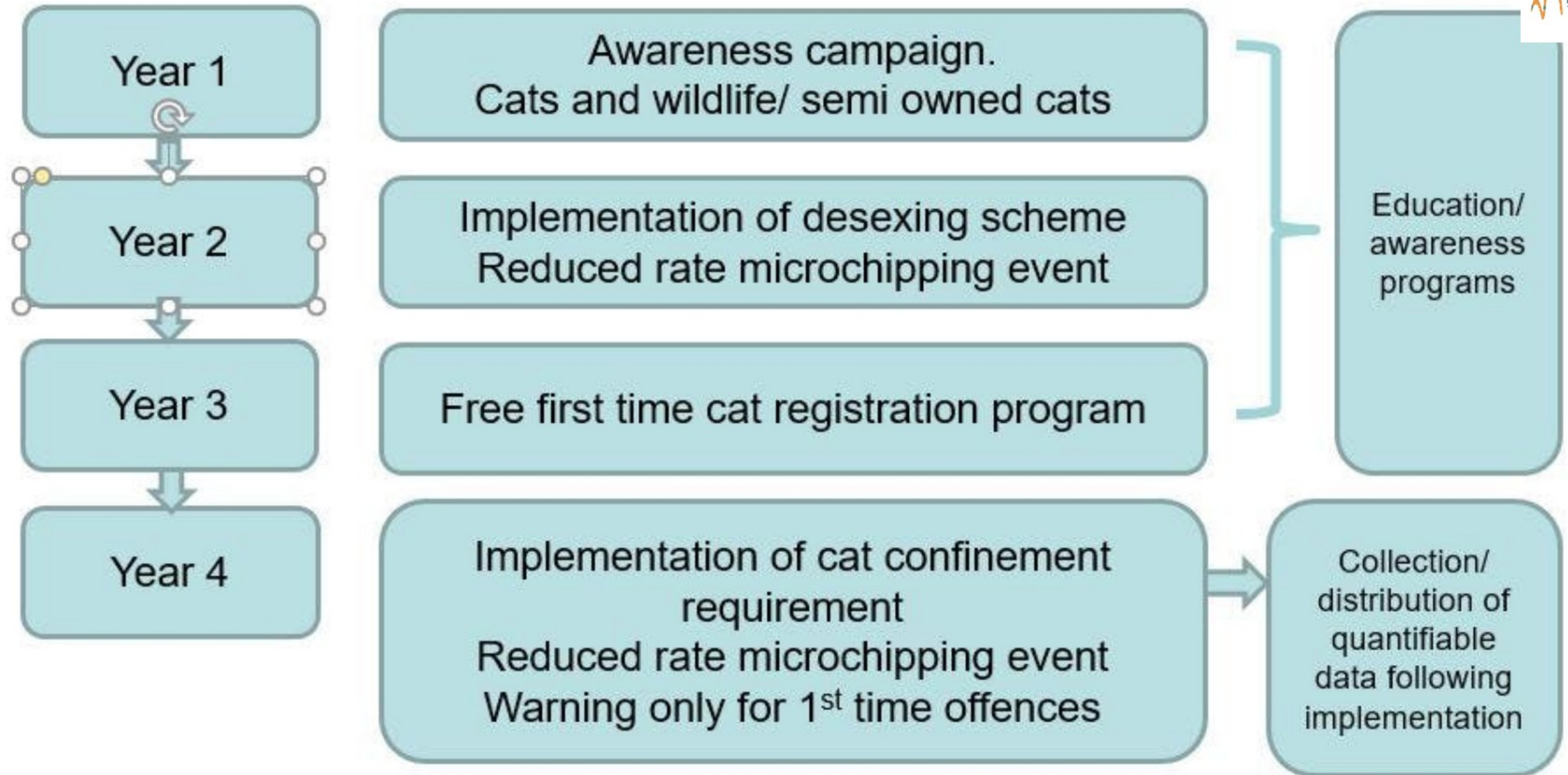
Survey – 15 March to 15 April 2021

109 surveys completed

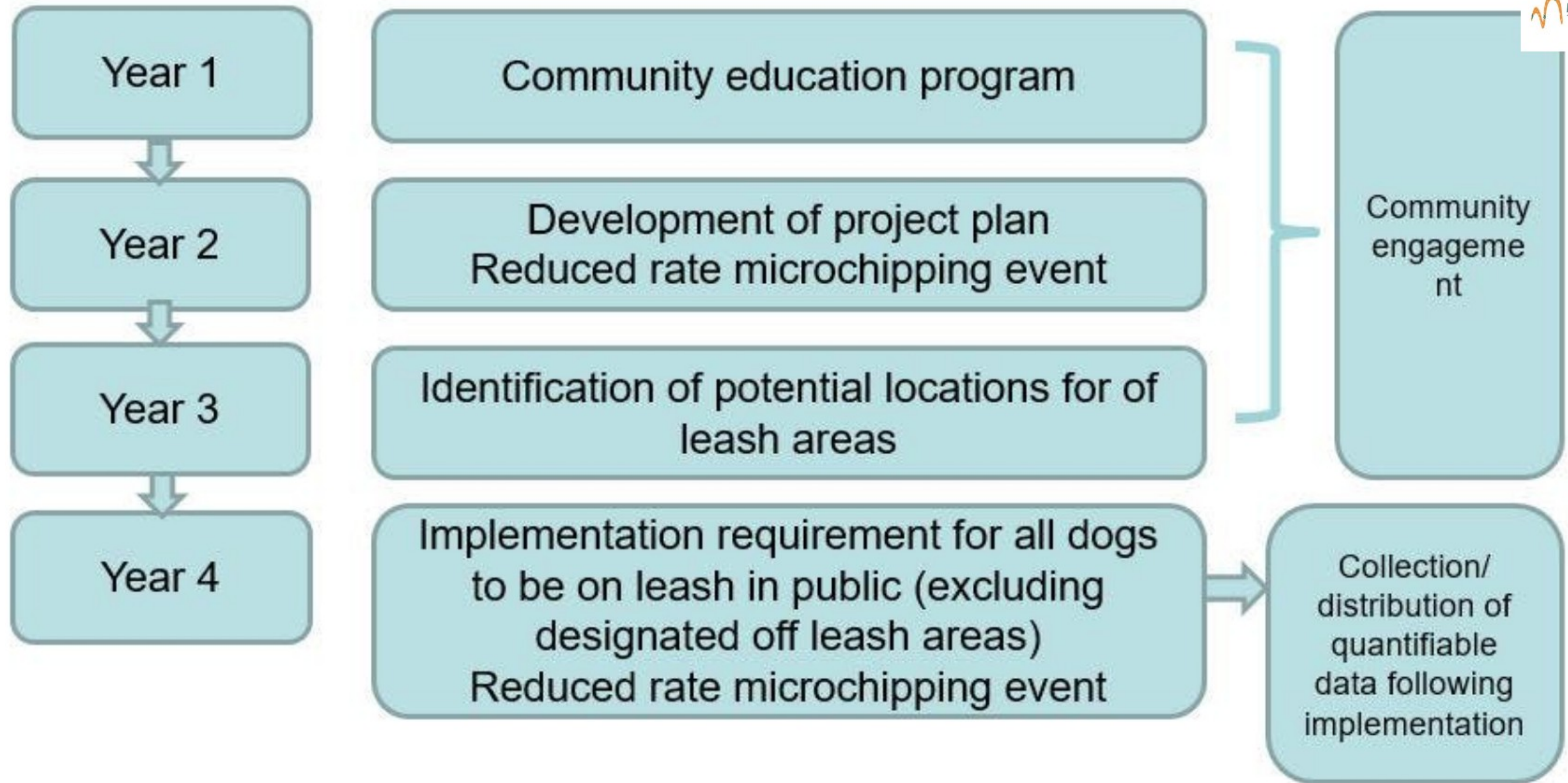


Key survey findings

- 79% of respondents were dog owners and 42% were cat owners
- 93% of respondents believe it is 'most important' to de-sex animals
- 83% of respondents were supportive of a cat curfew
- 60% of people thought dogs should be always 'on-lead' unless in a designated 'off-leash' area
- 83% of people knew how to Contact council if they had lost or found a pet.
- 82% of these people would prefer to contact Council via phone than any other method.

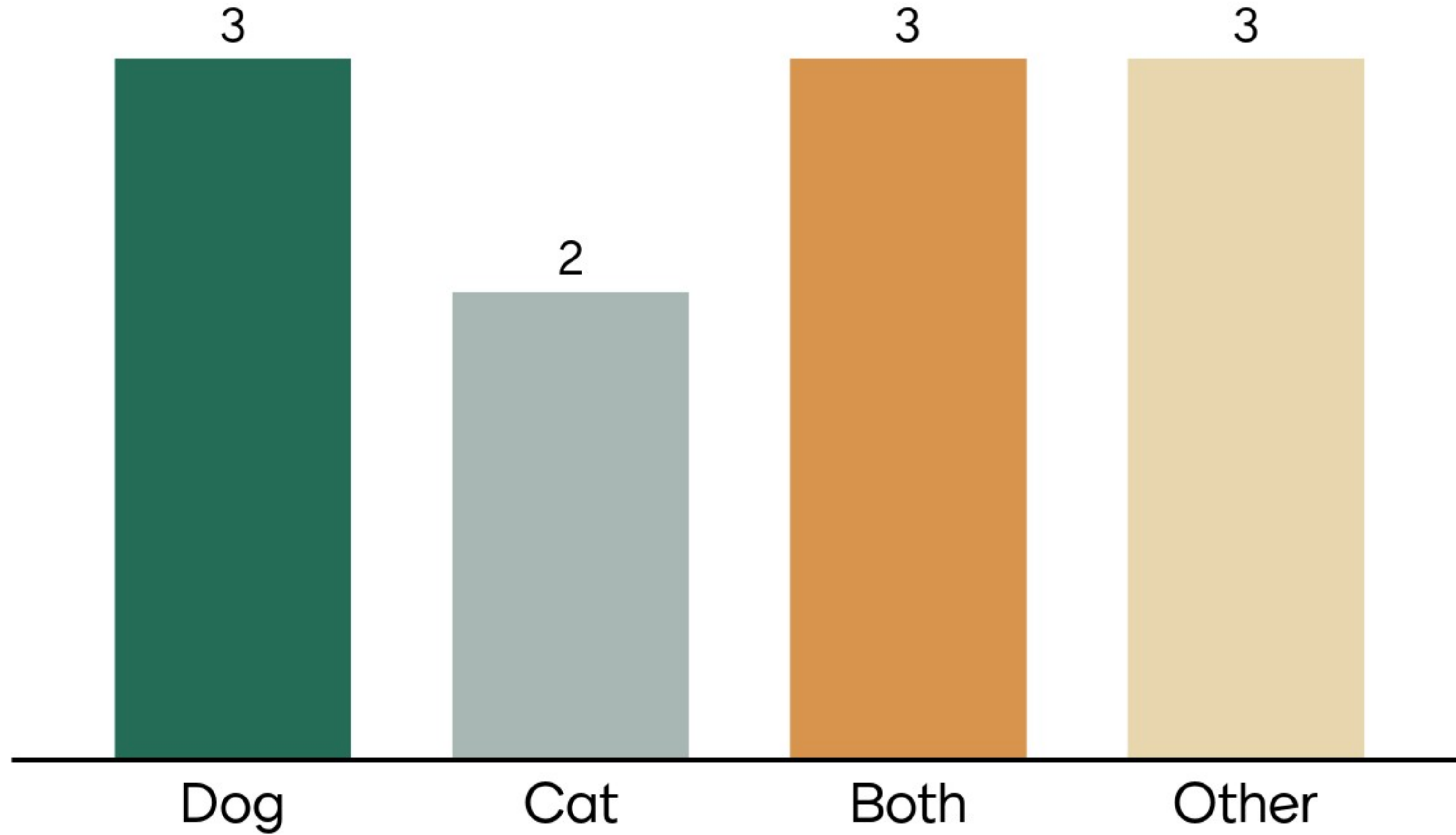


CATS



DOGS

I am an owner of a ...



Are your animals registered with Murrindindi Shire Council?



Have you ever dealt with Council's Community Safety Unit?



Do you have a question or comment on the draft DAMP?

Questions received from participants were;

Support the direction but is 4 years too long.. cats inside at night all the time (i own a cat)

Do I need to microchip my hermit crab?

Can we have a leash free area for dogs?

What number of respondents did you have to the survey?

Off lead areas would be incredible for the shire. Are there any places that are in consideration at the moment? Dogs off lead in towns is definitely a big problem and have lead to scary encounters.

As there is no current cat restrictions what can you do if one is taking down wildlife or being a menace?



Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan presented by Stuart Coller, Acting Manager Community Wellbeing



Why we need a Health and Wellbeing Plan?

The Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 recognises the key role of Councils in improving the health and wellbeing of people in their municipality. The Act requires each Council to prepare a Municipal public health and wellbeing plan every four years, within 12 months of a Council general election.

The Plan must take a partnership approach, and outline how Council will work alongside health and wellbeing organisations across the Shire to improve health outcomes for the community.

The Plan must also have regard to the State health and wellbeing plan, encouraging state and local government to work towards common goals.





The Murrindindi Shire Health and Wellbeing Consortium



Methodology

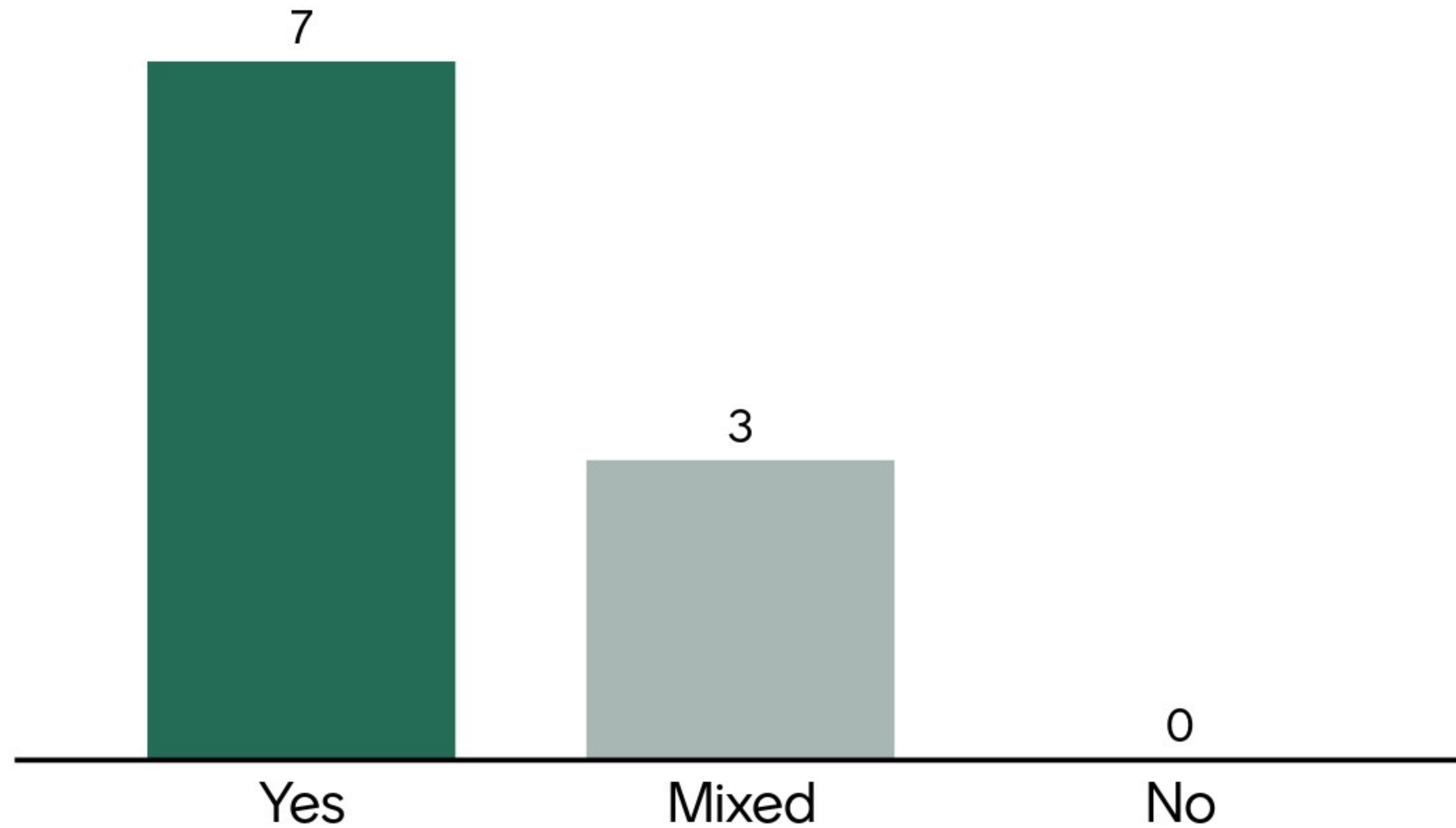




2021-25 MPHWP Strategic Themes



Do you support the overall direction of the draft Health and Wellbeing plan?



Do you have a question or comment on the draft Health and Wellbeing Plan?

Questions received from participants were;

I'm worried about being able to access health services

Would like to see more focus on health promotion and use of WHO Decade of Healthy ageing

Are there local senior care partners involved with the group?

My neighbour spoke highly of assistance from Dindi link (I think that's the title)

Is the actual local provision of community health services seen as a priority within the partnership - Shepparton is a long way from us.

if you believe there is a member of the community in need of help... bathing, food eg meals on wheels or transport, but is not on my aged care, who would you suggest we approach at council?

Any final questions or comments?

How much money have you allocated for street tree planting in Alexandra in the next 12 months?
and could the community make suggestions of streets to be considered for planting

to clarify the advocacy question, (It went too quick at the start) - the rest of the question is 'because actual delivery is not possible through Council, but there is strong community appetite?

Wrapping Up

What's next with the draft Plans?

You can provide additional feedback on the
Loop until 5pm Sunday 5 September

<https://theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/>

Thank you for joining us tonight



Do you have just one more minute?

That brings our forum to a close, but we'd encourage you to answer three final questions on Menti – so we know a little more about who has participated tonight



Where in Murrindindi Shire are you from?

What is your age-group?



- Under 12 years old
- 12-17 years old
- 18-24 years old
- 25-34 years old
- 35-44 years old
- 45-54 years old
- 55-64 years old
- 65-74 years old
- 75 years or older

Please tell us how you found tonight's session

