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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY TO BE CONSIDERED AT SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Council's newly drafted Community Engagement Policy (Policy) will be considered at a Special Council Meeting to be held on 23 February 2021.

The Policy was drafted after significant input and feedback from the community.

Interim CEO, Bradley Thomas, said that he was really pleased with the amount of feedback we received from the community on the Policy.

"We are one of very few councils who consulted the community prior to the drafting of the document, so community insight and feedback drove the drafting of the Policy. Over 300 community members had their say on the Policy after ten pop up sessions across the Shire and access to an online survey."

"Community members were able to tell us what sort of engagement they prefer, through what avenues and how frequently."

"This Policy will underpin how we approach engagement into the future, and we believe it reflects community and Councillor sentiment,"

"We look forward to Council considering the item on Tuesday night and encourage the community to review the draft of the Policy and tune into the live stream Special Council Meeting." said Mr Thomas.

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