
5.0 Outlook for 2020/2021

The evolution of the Committee and its role will continue as the proposed regulatory framework to support the operation of the Committee, as foreshadowed in the discussion paper “A New Risk Management and Internal Audit Framework for local councils in NSW” released by the Office of Local Government, is implemented from 2021 onwards.

The four-year Strategic Internal Audit Plan presented at the August 2020 meeting, takes into consideration internal and external risks faced by Snowy Valleys Council, its stakeholder needs and compliance requirements whilst considering other assurance activities within Council. It is anticipated that the Strategic Internal Audit Plan will be reviewed.

The focus of the annual internal audit plan is to contribute to Council achieving its strategic directions and meeting its obligations by aligning potential internal audit activity to the areas of greatest strategic importance and risk. The Annual Internal Audit Plan will be reviewed by the Committee to ensure the focus remains on Council’s strategic and operational risks, as well as considering current or emerging risks faced by Snowy Valleys City Council.

The Committee looks forward to continuing to receive presentations and reports from Council’s external auditors, the Audit Office of NSW.

The Committee will continue to receive and consider reports, presentations and other information to allow the Committee to be in a position to provide reasonable assurance to Council that an adequate system of internal controls is in place to support:

- effectiveness and efficiency of operations;
- reliability of financial reporting; and
- compliance with applicable laws and regulations

During 2020/2021 the Committee will continue to focus on making improvements to committee practices to enhance the effectiveness of the Committee and best utilise meeting time frames.

The following activities will continue to be undertaken:

- Chairperson input into the draft agenda to ensure effective agenda prioritisation, thereby giving the comfort that the Committee can adequately discharge its responsibilities and add value through effective member contribution
- Supporting documentation and reporting provided to the Committee is continuously reviewed, refined and updated based upon feedback from Committee members at each meeting
- Annual review of the Committee’s forward meeting plan to ensure it remains relevant, contemporary and allows the Committee to meet all of its commitments



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External Grant Funding Notification – Council Committees

This notification allows the Committee to apply for external grant funding. It is designed to notify Council of the Committee's intention of applying for grant funding. If approved, a full funding and project review must be undertaken by Council before funding can be accepted.

Applicant Name:		Date:	
Committee:			
Email Address:			
Phone:			
Details of Grant Funding Body			
Grant Program Name			
Grant Closing Date			
Amount Requested	\$		
Matched Funding	\$		
Purpose of the grant			
Benefit to Snowy Valleys Council			
Applicants Signature			
Approval			
This form provides an overview of the grant funding that the Committee is proposing to apply for. It is important that the staff delegate has an understanding of the funding being sought and ask the following questions.			
	Have project risks, including potential 'blowout' costs been identified and managed appropriately?		
	If the grant involves a Council asset, has the assets team been consulted?		
	Has the Program Manager been consulted?		
Responsible Officer		Date	
Signature			
The responsible officer must have appropriate financial delegation before signing approval			

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