# **Project Proposal**

## Town of Victoria Park

P-10300 - Future Organisational Needs

## **OVERVIEW**

| Title:                     | Future Organisational Needs |
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| Project No:                | P-10300                     |
| Туре:                      | Operating - New Initiative  |
| Project Expenditure Type:  | Operating                   |
| Trim File Reference        | COR/12/48                   |
| Asset Class:               | Operational                 |
| Place Leader               | Whole of Town               |
| Project Executive (Owner): | Strategic Projects Manager  |
| Project Group :            | Standalone Project          |
| Service Area               | Project Management Office   |

## **DEFINITION AND APPROACH**

| Scope & Deliverables |  |
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| Background           | The Town of Victoria Park was created in 1994 and the building at 99 Shepperton Road was fitted out as Council Chambers<br>and administrative offices at that time. Apart from minor modifications since then (in the same 1995 fitout style and work<br>station configuration), that original fitout remains and would generally be considered outmoded and even culturally<br>obsolete. The Town continues to provide a range of service delivery functions from the building including customer<br>service, Town administration and civic functions and meetings.<br>A 68 page Disability Access Audit for universal access compliance was undertaken for 99 Shepperton Road in August 2017.<br>It disclosed that the 99 Shepperton Road building has a raft of compliance issues. A priority list of 6 works projects was<br>presented to the August CDC meeting and in turn to the November OCM. These were progressed as minor works, however<br>the report has further highlighted the need to more fully investigate the Town's suitability of operating administration and<br>civic functions from the current facility.  |
| Needs and or Purpose | <ul> <li>In 2019, in order to inform the Town's Strategic Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan for 99 Shepperton Road, the Town engaged NS Projects to complete a building condition assessment of the facility. The following strategic recommendations were recommended:</li> <li>The Administration Building is beginning to show signs of age. The assessment suggest that the building components are generally within the last 40-45% of their useful lives. If an ongoing asset renewal plan were not put in place and the building left unmaintained, the building will quickly become physically obsolete.</li> <li>The current space does not fully meet the needs of the Town with many existing shortfalls (meeting spaces, council chambers, parking). Long term (10-15 years), the building is likely to be functionally obsolete for Town use.</li> <li>To this end, the Town should further consider alternative sites, either currently held or freehold purchase, to base their administration function. Alternatively, the Town could redevelop the existing site with a more appropriately designed building for their ongoing use.</li> <li>Maintaining the Administration Building, in line with the identified renewal programme, will benefit the Town in the short term whilst enabling a more readily saleable asset in the long term, should an alternate site be selected as the long-term base for the administration function.</li> <li>Following the building condition assessment recommendations the Town has also been progressing the Workforce Plan to strategically outline how the Town's workforce will meet the population growth in the medium term future. This growth, paired with significant workplace operations changes resulting from COVID-19 has identified the need for a holistic review and options analysis for the Town's future administration and civic service delivery model and location/s.</li> <li>The Town has also identified 99 Shepperton Road in the Town to explore the highest and best use of the site.</li> </ul> |

| Scope - | In Scope |
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The project will include all functions and their associated requirements operated and delivered by the Town from 99 Shepperton Road, Victoria Park for the purposes of civic, customer service or administration service delivery. The project will also include the Rangers & Parking functions which are currently located at 6-8 Kent Street, East Victoria Park.

The project will include the following:

- 1. Baseline assessment of current workforce (including but not limited to workforce movements, layout, building use & operations, in office/out of office timesheets etc)
- 2. Develop a range of baseline workforce assumptions (Workforce numbers, working from home principles etc);
- 3. Develop a multi-criteria assessment tool to assess strategic, political, economic, social, environmental, financial and operational impacts of each option;
- 4. Assess each service/location model against the MCA;
- 5. Workshop the MCA assessment with Elected Members;
- 6. Report to Council outlining the recommended options to inform a business case; and
- 7. A detailed business case outlining the preferred option for the future of the Administration and Civic functions and location/s.

The proposed options to be assessed in the MCA are:

#### Stay at 99 Shepperton Road

- do nothing (general renewal works);
- refurbishment to modernised workplace within existing building;
- rebuild/redevelop site to maximum potential utilising LPS2 draft planning framework

#### Integrated into the Macmillan Precinct Masterplan

- Integrate all services (civic, admin, cscc)
- Integrate civic & cscc
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#### Relocation to an alternative location (single building only)

- Build new building on existing Town land
- EOI for inclusion with partner development

#### Relocation to an alternative location (decentralisation)

• Identify model of how admin and civic functions could be decentralised to multiple locations.

| Scope - Out of Scope        | <ul> <li>The project will not include any functions:</li> <li>operated by the Town outside of 99 Shepperton Road, Victoria Park (excluding Parking &amp; Rangers).</li> <li>operated by external providers.</li> </ul>   |
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| Objectives                  | <ul> <li>The project will: <ul> <li>Achieve a full comprehensive assessment of all the service delivery options for the current administration, civic and customer service functions currently operated from 99 Shepperton Road, Victoria Park; and.</li> <li>Outline options, with impact assessments, to inform Council's decision making for the long-term future of the Town's administration, civic and customer service functions.</li> <li>Inform the Local Planning Scheme update and other associated planning framework documents with regards to 99 Shepperton Road.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |
| Outcomes (Benefits)         | <ul> <li>The Town will have a comprehensive understanding of it's future workforce planning needs and assumptions.</li> <li>The Town will better understand the impacts of each service delivery option for civic, administration, and cscc functions that operate from 99 Shepperton Road and Rangers &amp; Parking at 6-8 Kent Street.</li> <li>The Town will better understand the most suitable options for the future of civic, administration and cscc functions that operate from 99 Shepperton Road and Rangers &amp; Parking at 6-8 Kent Street.</li> <li>The Town will better inform the Local Planning Scheme update with regards to the location of administration, civic and cscc functions.</li> </ul> |
| Outputs (Products)          | <ul> <li>The project will deliver a final report to Council outlining options that will inform a business case for the future of Town Administration and Civic functions and locations.</li> <li>Following the adoption of this report and recommendation a Business Case outlining the preferred option for the future of Town Administration and Civic functions and locations will be developed.</li> </ul>   |
| Constraints (Optional)      | <ul> <li>The project currently has no operational funds allocated in the 2020/21 Annual Budget and will require a budget amendment as part of the scope being endorsed by Council.</li> <li>The project also significant planning and interface with other projects that may impact the delivery of the outputs by the close of the financial year. It is anticipated that this project, particularly the business case output will cross into the 2021/22 financial year.</li> </ul>  |
| Assumptions (Optional)      | • The project assumes that the Workforce plan will be majority complete concurrently, in order to all the baseline assumptions of the workforce plan to be used to inform the scope of works.  |
| Dependencies (Optional)     | <ul> <li>The project will be dependent on several findings and recommendations by the updated Social Infrastructure Plan which is being completed concurrently.</li> <li>The project will be dependent on the progression schedule of the Macmillan Precinct Masterplan should that option be endorsed by Council.</li> </ul>  |
| Stakeholders and Interfaces | A detailed stakeholder analysis will form part of the project initiation documentation pending the approval of this mandate.   |

| Startup Operational Funding and Resources | Initial estimates indicate a requirement for \$60,000 of consultancy funds in the 2020/21 Annual Budget to undertake the scope of works for the first deliverable. It is anticipated that additional funds will be required for the second deliverable in the 2021/22 Annual budget.  |
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| Associated Documents/References           | Social Infrastructure Plan (to be updated)<br>Workforce Plan (to be finalised)<br>Local Planning Strategy (draft)<br>Local Planning Scheme 2 (to be commenced)<br>Albany Highway Precinct Plans (to be commenced)<br>Station Precinct Plans (to be commenced)<br>NS Projects Building Condition Assessment<br>Administration Complex Needs Analysis (internal only)<br>Macmillan Precinct Masterplan (in development) |

| ID | Task   | Start Date  | Finish Date | Status      |
|----|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1  | FUTURE ORGANISATION NEEDS PROJECT                        | 17-Aug-2020 | 21-Dec-2021 | In Progress |
| 2  | Pre-project: Proposing the Project                       |             |             | In Progress |
| 3  | Project Mandate  |             |             | In Progress |
| 4  | Prepare mandate scope                                    | 17-Aug-2020 | 28-Aug-2020 | Completed   |
| 8  | C-Suite project approval                                 | 31-Aug-2020 | 31-Aug-2020 | Completed   |
| 9  | Council scope approval                                   | 31-Aug-2020 | 20-Oct-2020 | Not Started |
| 12 | Agenda settlement  | 30-Sep-2020 | 30-Sep-2020 | Not Started |
| 13 | ABF  | 06-Oct-2020 | 06-Oct-2020 | Not Started |
| 14 | ОСМ  | 20-Oct-2020 | 20-Oct-2020 | Not Started |
| 15 | Approval to proceed                                      | 20-Oct-2020 | 20-Oct-2020 | Not Started |
| 16 | Stage 3: Delivering the Project                          |             |             | Not Started |
| 17 | WP1 - Procurement  |             |             | Not Started |
| 19 | Release RFQ  | 16-Nov-2020 | 16-Nov-2020 | Not Started |
| 20 | RFQ closed   | 04-Dec-2020 | 04-Dec-2020 | Not Started |
| 22 | Award contract   | 18-Dec-2020 | 18-Dec-2020 | Not Started |
| 23 | WP2 - Multi-Criteria Assessment                          |             |             | Not Started |
| 24 | Develop baseline workforce assumptions                   | 21-Dec-2020 | 23-Feb-2021 | Not Started |
| 25 | Develop baseline assumptions alongside<br>workforce plan | 21-Dec-2020 | 01-Feb-2021 | Not Started |
| 26 | Workshop with Town Officers                              | 01-Feb-2021 | 05-Feb-2021 | Not Started |
| 27 | Workshop with Elected Members                            | 23-Feb-2021 | 23-Feb-2021 | Not Started |
| 28 | Develop multi-criteria assessment model                  | 21-Dec-2020 | 02-Apr-2021 | Not Started |
| 29 | Develop draft multi-criteria assessment model            | 21-Dec-2020 | 08-Jan-2021 | Not Started |
| 30 | Workshop with Town Officers                              | 11-Jan-2021 | 15-Jan-2021 | Not Started |
| 31 | Workshop with Elected Members                            | 23-Feb-2021 | 23-Feb-2021 | Not Started |
| 32 | Workforce Assumptions & MCA approved for modelling       | 24-Feb-2021 | 26-Feb-2021 | Not Started |
| 33 | WP3 - Scenario Modelling                                 |             |             | Not Started |

| 34 | Assess scenarios using agreed MCA model                | 01-Mar-2021 | 30-Mar-2021 | Not Started |
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| 35 | Model scenarios using approved MCA                     | 01-Mar-2021 | 19-Mar-2021 | Not Started |
| 36 | Workshop with Town Officers                            | 22-Mar-2021 | 26-Mar-2021 | Not Started |
| 37 | Workshop with Elected Members                          | 30-Mar-2021 | 30-Mar-2021 | Not Started |
| 38 | Scenario Report  | 31-Mar-2021 | 21-May-2021 | Not Started |
| 42 | Council Report   | 26-Apr-2021 | 15-Jun-2021 | Not Started |
| 45 | Agenda Settlement Meeting                              | 26-May-2021 | 26-May-2021 | Not Started |
| 46 | Agenda Briefing Forum                                  | 01-Jun-2021 | 01-Jun-2021 | Not Started |
| 47 | Ordinary Council Meeting                               | 15-Jun-2021 | 15-Jun-2021 | Not Started |
| 48 | Council Resolution - Business Case options<br>selected | 15-Jun-2021 | 15-Jun-2021 | Not Started |
| 49 | WP4 - Business Case                                    |             |             | Not Started |
| 50 | Prepare Business Case                                  | 16-Jun-2021 | 29-Oct-2021 | Not Started |
| 51 | Business Case presented to Council                     | 01-Nov-2021 | 21-Dec-2021 | Not Started |
| 52 | Preferred option endorsed                              | 21-Dec-2021 | 21-Dec-2021 | Not Started |
| 53 | Stage 4: Closing the Project                           |             |             | Not Started |
| 54 | Project Closure Report                                 |             |             | Not Started |

## **INITIAL COST ESTIMATE**

|                       | Total       | 20/21       |  |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|--|
|                       |             |             |  |
| Estimated Expenditure |             |             |  |
| Consultant Services 1 | \$60,000.00 | \$60,000.00 |  |

## **COMPLEXITY ASSESSMENT**

| Template Name      | Status | Date:       | Final Score | Finalise | Date Finalised |
|--------------------|--------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------------|
| PROJECT COMPLEXITY | Major  | 18-Aug-2020 | 60.55       |          |                |

| Assesment Element                      | Option   |       | Max Score |
|--|--|-------|-----------|
| Total                                  |  | 60.55 | 100.00    |
| Reputational Risk                      | Major (Substantiated/public embarrassment/widespread impact on community trust/high media item/third | 16.60 | 20.00     |
| Impact on our operations               | May require additional resources or contractors  | 6.60  | 10.00     |
| Adherence to Policy/Law during Project | N/A  | 3.30  | 10.00     |
| Stakeholder Impact                     | Major External Impacts (Townwide)  | 10.00 | 10.00     |
| Expenditure impact                     | Greater than \$50,000 less than \$150,000  | 7.50  | 15.00     |
| Procurement Requirement                | RFQ/EOI  | 3.30  | 5.00      |
| Timeframe                              | Greater than 12 months duration  | 5.00  | 5.00      |
| Community Engagement                   | Inform   | 4.95  | 15.00     |
| Service Interruption                   | Insignificant (No material service interruption)   | 3.30  | 10.00     |

### STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

**Primary Strategy:** 

3.5.2 EN5.1 - Ensure the long term asset and service provision sustainability of significant community buildings and other assets

#### **Secondary Strategies:**

2.1.1 EC1.1 - Create a thriving and resilient local economy.

3.1.1 EN1.1 - Ensure a strong sense of place that emphasises each suburbs' unique characteristics and sense of community.

3.2.1 EN2.2 - Maintain quality of infrastructure for community use.

3.3.1 EN3.1 - Create better options for active transport

4.1.1 CL1.3 - Facilitate the development of a genuine identity for the Town

4.1.2 CL1.1 - Improve the flow of information between the Town and community through improving existing online resources and functionality.

4.2.1 CL2.1 - Improve the way the Town communicates, engages and manages relationship with the community.

4.3.1 CL3.1 - Ensure the successful delivery of strategic and operational Town projects

4.3.2 CL3.2 - Ensure the Town's projects result in great place outcomes

4.5.1 CL5.1 - Develop and sustain a highly skilled and effective workforce

4.6.1 CL6.1 - Optimise the use of Town land assets

4.6.3 CL6.2 - Promote sound and accountable fiscal management

4.7.1 CL7.1 - Improve the standard of customer service provided to the community.

4.8.1 CL8.4 - Demonstrate strong future planning through the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, performance monitoring and evaluation

4.8.3 CL8.5 - Ensure the effective and efficient delivery of services while meeting community needs

## **PROJECT LINK SERVICE PROFILE**

Primary Service Profile:

Project Management Office