

## CORPORATE &amp; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

August 13, 2025

**ITEM 1****BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 175/25**

**SUBJECT:** **DRAFT SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY FOR**  
**PUBLIC EXHIBITION** **D25/37098**

**Recommendation**

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 175/25 dated August 13, 2025, be received.
2. That the draft Social and Community Development Policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days during which time Council will accept submissions from the public.
3. That a further report be presented to Council at the conclusion of the public exhibition period outlining submissions received and any resultant amendments to the Policy, with a view to adopting the draft Social and Community Development Policy.

**Executive Summary:**

Broken Hill is committed to being a city that celebrates the contributions of all its residents, fostering a vibrant, inclusive, and supportive environment for living, working, learning, and visiting. The city strives to be a community where individuals and families are valued and supported, regardless of differences in age, gender, race, religion, culture, ability, sexuality, income level, or place of residence. Focus is placed on core groups such as the aged, youth, individuals with disabilities, those experiencing homelessness, and those impacted by alcohol or drug challenges.

The Draft Social and Community Development Policy incorporates the current policies of Community Services, Positive Ageing, Social and Youth consolidating into one policy to encompass the key focus areas of Community Development.

**Report:**

Community Development focuses on core groups such as the aged, youth, individuals with disabilities, those experiencing homelessness, and those impacted by alcohol and drug challenges.

The existing Community Services, Positive Ageing, Social and Youth Policies were all last adopted prior to 2009 and are considered obsolete.

Incorporating all the areas into one cohesive policy effectively aligns with the structure of the Community Development umbrella encompassing all areas into one policy.

**Community Engagement:**

The draft policy will be placed on public exhibition for submissions to be received for a period of 28 days.

**Strategic Direction:**

Key Direction:	1	Our Community
Objective:	1.6	Our health and wellbeing ensure that we will live life to the full

Strategy:	1.6.1	Maintain awareness of and create strategies and partnerships to address the impact of the social and lifestyle factors affecting the health and wellbeing of residents
	1.6.2	Create opportunities for people to participate in active and healthy recreational activities
	1.6.3	Provide quality health, medical and allied services to meet community need, particularly disability services and support, 24 hour medical services, paediatric and other specialist services, mental health support services, allied health and rehabilitation services
	1.6.4	Ensure the support and information required to access programs and funding for individuals navigating aged care, childcare, NDIS and other programs are readily available and accessible
	1.6.5	Advocate for the provision of a suitable range of social services in the City including disability, childcare and aged care services
	1.6.6	Create opportunities for people to participate in cultural, creative and artistic programs and experience the natural environment to enhance health and wellbeing

**Relevant Legislation:**

Local Government Act 1993

**Financial Implications:**

Nil

**Attachments**

1. [↓](#) Draft Social and Community Development Policy 8 09 2025

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