

The Lockyer Valley Regional Council Local Transition Committee

News Release

The Lockyer Valley Regional Council, Local Transition Committee (LTC) met at Laidley on Tuesday 16th October.

The LTC approved the Draft Communication Plan that sets out how the LTC will communicate with the two Councils, the workforces and the general public.

The Interim CEO will prepare a monthly letter to all staff of both Councils to keep them informed of, and offer input into, the process.

A major part of the general public communication strategy is to provide a weekly advertisement and comment in the Gatton Star. The Star is the prominent newspaper that is widely distributed throughout the two Council areas.

Media releases will also be made on a fortnightly basis to the Toowoomba Chronicle and the Qld Times.

All this information plus a great deal more will be displayed on the LTC's website and the two Council's websites (www.ltc.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au; www.gatton.qld.gov.au; and www.laidley.qld.gov.au).

The LTC also adopted a list of Expenditure Items with the major expenditure being the engagement of Consultants to deliver required reports to the LTC with regards to Service Delivery and industrial Relations.

The LTC also discussed a report from the Interim CEO that designates Gatton Shire Council Chambers as the "Head Office" of the new Lockyer Valley Regional Council. The ICEO made this recommendation due to the location and size of Gatton and the designation of Gatton as the principle town of the Lockyer Valley in the SEQ Regional Plan. The Interim CEO emphasised, in his report, that there was no suggestion that the Laidley office should be closed and that all services currently provided from this office would remain and hopefully be enhanced. Whilst giving "in principle", majority support for this, the LTC emphasised the need to maintain and enhance the services provided at Laidley.

The next meeting of the LTC will be at Gatton Shire Council on Tuesday 6th November commencing at 8.30am. Members of the public are welcome to attend

Any person wishing to correspond with the LTC should address all correspondence to: The Interim Chief Executive Officer, Lockyer Valley Regional Council, C/- PO Box 82 Gatton Qld 4343.

Authorised by Cr Steve Jones, Chairperson, LVRC LTC.