

Position Title	Coordinator Strategic Service Planning
Directorate	Strategy and Corporate Services
Department/Business Unit	Organisational Planning and Strategy
Team	Strategic Service Planning
Classification	Band 8
Month/Year	July 2026
Reports to:	Manager Organisational Planning and Strategy
Supervises:	Nil
Internal Liaison:	- All employees - Management - Councillors
External Liaison:	- State Government representatives - Other Council colleagues - Members of the public - Community groups

Position Objectives

Your primary purpose in this position is to:

- Lead the design, implementation and continuous improvement of Council-wide service planning through the implementation of Council's Strategic Service Planning Guidelines.
- Lead the development and delivery of a service review program that strategically prioritises services to maximise value for the community and supports service owners to evaluate and optimise services to ensure they are strategically aligned, future-focused and deliver value.
- Provide expert guidance and high-level technical support to service areas, applying best practice and continuous improvement methodologies.
- Build and maintain strong, productive relationships with internal and external stakeholders to identify and drive opportunities for service efficiency and effectiveness.

Key Selection Criteria

You need these essential qualifications (or experience), knowledge and skills to carry out this position

- Tertiary qualification and/or relevant experience in project management, service model review and/or financial analysis highly desirable.
- Demonstrated experience in leading service planning, design, evaluation, and review.
- Strong conceptual and analytical skills including the ability to research, interpret and draw insights from complex data and information.
- Proven initiative, problem solving ability and innovative thinking.
- Well-developed project management, change management and stakeholder engagement skills.
- Demonstrated experience in applying best practice and continuous improvement methodologies.
- Highly developed interpersonal and presentation skills, including excellent verbal and written communication, facilitation, consultation and stakeholder engagement capabilities.
- Strong financial acumen, with the ability to apply sound judgement to support and influence business decision-making.
- Demonstrated proficiency in MS Office applications and electronic document and records management

systems as well as other relevant Council systems.

As part of the Selection Criteria, you must hold and supply these licences, registrations, certificates, etc., prior to offer of employment and commencement and continue to maintain them throughout your employment in this role with Council:

- ☒ satisfactory (and ongoing) Working with Children's Check (Employee Check)
- ☒ satisfactory (and ongoing) Police Check

Position Specific Responsibilities & Skills

In this position, you are responsible for:

Strategic Service Planning	• Lead the development and continuous improvement of strategic service planning guidelines, tools and templates. • Develop and deliver the annual Strategic Service Planning program, including structured training, workshops and guidance to support service areas in preparing service profiles, analysing services and developing service plans. • Build organisational capability and maturity in strategic service planning by partnering with service areas and delivering workshops, training and advisory support to enable high-quality service profiles, service plans and service reviews. • Collaborate with the Corporate Planner and key stakeholders to embed Strategic Service Planning within Council's Integrated Planning Framework. • Provide expert advice to departments on service planning principles, methodologies and the development of service profiles and service plans.
Service Reviews and Improvement	• Develop and deliver a prioritised service review program using an agreed evaluation framework. • Partner with service owners and key stakeholders to evaluate services and provide evidence-based, strategic advice informed by research and analysis. • Undertake and apply research on current and emerging trends in local government service delivery to identify and recommend innovative service delivery models. • Develop and manage detailed project plans to ensure service reviews are delivered within agreed timeframes, scope, cost and quality parameters, including consideration of dependencies and organisational impacts. • Build organisational capability in service design, review and continuous improvement through coaching, facilitation and practical support. • Analyse, synthesise and communicate complex information clearly and effectively to support shared understanding, engagement and informed decision-making. • Oversee procurement and transition processes for service contracts, working collaboratively with internal departments, external consultants and sector partners as required. • Support service owners, in collaboration with Finance, to monitor financial performance and develop financial projections to inform decision-making for specific contracts and/or facilities.
Performance Reporting	• Support departments to establish, monitor and continuously improve meaningful service performance measures aligned to quality service outcomes. • Prepare high-quality reports, insights and recommendations for the Executive Team and Council to inform strategic and operational decision-making.
Stakeholder Engagement	• Build and maintain strong, effective relationships across the organisation, adopting a proactive, whole-of-organisation approach to project delivery. • Lead and facilitate project working groups, reference groups and workshops to drive collaboration and shared ownership of outcomes. • Represent the Organisational Planning and Strategy team on key internal committees, providing specialist advice and insights as required.

Core Organisational Capabilities

We have a Core Capability framework to help everyone succeed and develop for their current and future positions. The relevant capabilities for this position are found on The Source > [Capability Framework | Greater Dandenong Council](#)

REACH Values

Our REACH values define who we are and how we interact with others. They define how each of us should aim to operate in the workplace regardless of the role we hold. Our REACH values are found on The Source > People, Culture and Safety > [REACH | Greater Dandenong Council](#)

Child Safe Organisation

Greater Dandenong City Council has zero tolerance of child abuse and is committed to creating and maintaining a child safe and child friendly City where all children are valued and protected from abuse.

Organisational Responsibilities

Everyone at Council has the following responsibilities and obligations:

Emergency Management	• Help Council fulfil its emergency management obligations by assisting in emergency management activities as required
Occupational Health and Safety	All employees have responsibilities to: • Take reasonable care of their own health and safety. • Take reasonable care that their acts do not adversely affect the health and safety of other persons or themselves. • Follow policy, procedure or instructions to ensure as far as is reasonably practicable a safe workplace. • Report all incidents, injuries and near misses to their supervisor immediately and adhere to Council's occupational health, safety and return to work (RTW) policies and procedures. • Participate in health and safety training programs and initiatives. People managers have additional responsibilities to: • Develop, implement, promote and review Council's OHS management system within their area of responsibility. • Work with Health and Safety and People and Change departments to ensure accurate and timely OHS reporting, and implementation of health and safety culture, policies, procedures, and training programs. • Ensure employee compliance with relevant OHS regulatory requirements through local and corporate policies and procedures in order to provide and maintain a safe work environment, including providing training and guidance on OHS responsibilities. • Monitor and review workplace environment to identify, manage and respond to any health and safety hazards and risks, including psychosocial.
Child Safety	• Demonstrate and promote a strong commitment to child safety, equity and inclusion, and cultural safety, in line with Council policies and the Victorian Child Safe Standards and foster this commitment across their team. • Ensure compliance with the Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy, Child Safe Code of Conduct, and all child safe policies and procedures, and support staff to understand and meet these requirements. • Report any child safety concerns including breaches of Child Safe Code of Conduct in line with Council policies, the Reportable Conduct Scheme, and legal obligations, and support staff to understand and meet these requirements.
Climate Change & Sustainability	• Help support Council's response to the climate emergency by helping facilitate a whole-of-organisation approach where climate change mitigation and adaptation is embedded into all Council services, assets, operational and decision-making processes.

Compliance	• Remain mindful of the requirements of the Victorian Charter of Human Rights at all times • Manage Council records in accordance with the relevant Council policies and corporate requirements to protect personal information. • Perform other duties as directed within the limits of acquired skills, knowledge, and training. • At all times, take responsibility for maintaining the strictest levels of confidentiality regarding ratepayers, customers and employees. • At all times, comply with Council's Code of Conduct - Staff.
Diversity, inclusion and equity	• Demonstrate an understanding of and the ability to work with, diversity in the workplace, including: ○ zero tolerance of racism and expectations that staff will act on incidents of racism ○ supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to express their culture and enjoy their cultural rights.
Gender Equality	• Prevent and address violence against women and workplace sexual harassment, including by modelling acceptable behaviour, responding decisively to improper conduct and properly managing initial disclosures

Inherent requirements of the position

These are the essential requirements of this position:

Council has a Flexible Work Policy. All staff are required to attend the workplace for the minimum number of days specified in the Policy.

Working out of standard business hours

- ☐ Not required.
- ☒ This role may be subject to work related contact outside of normal business hours on an ad hoc, as needs basis. These hours will be subject to penalty or overtime rates.
- ☐ This role may be subject to work related contact outside of normal business hours. This position may require participation in an on-call, stand-by or availability roster (*keep only one allowance*). (Refer to 'Working out of hours' under position specific responsibilities.)

On a typical day, approximately this much time would be spent on the following activities:

Cognitive Requirements	Task details (typical tasks)	Frequency (% of the working day)			
		Rare/ Never <10%	Occasional 11 – 33%	Frequent 34 – 66%	Constant >66%
Working independently – <i>ability to utilise autonomy with respect to the processes by which tasks are completed. Little to no autonomy with respect to the work allocated to them by the supervisor</i>		☐	☐	☐	☒
Team based work – <i>works in a team of people and not exposed to isolation</i>		☐	☐	☐	☒
Communicating with others – Verbal		☐	☐	☐	☒
Communicating with others - Written		☐	☐	☐	☒
Focused Attention to task – <i>high levels of attention required to minimise errors and ensure accuracy</i>		☐	☐	☐	☒

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		Rare/ Never <10%	Occasional 11 – 33%	Frequent 34 – 66%	Constant >66%
Concentrating – high levels of concentration required while completing required tasks		☐	☐	☐	☒
Planning and sequencing tasks and activities		☐	☐	☐	☒
Decision making – required to exercise sound decision making while completing all aspects of the position		☐	☐	☐	☒
Problem solving – requirement to develop sound solutions to novel or unusual problems arising during the course of the day		☐	☐	☐	☒
Reasoning – required to exercise sound reasoning while completing all aspects of the position within defined scope		☐	☐	☐	☒
Judgement – required to exercise sound judgement while completing all aspects of the position within defined scope		☐	☐	☐	☒
Short and long-term memory recall – ready access to documented procedures or precedents to perform requirements of the position		☐	☐	☐	☒
Emotional resilience – exposure to stressful or distressing situations including meeting specified deadlines and production demands, dealing with aggressive or upset customers/clients, high conflict situations, general workload demands, change beyond individual's personal control		☐	☒	☐	☐
Interruptions – frequency of interruptions to daily work plans and requirement to change work plans at short notice		☐	☐	☐	☒

Physical Requirements

- ☐ This position requires more than 10% (on average) daily work rate of manual handling/physical exertion. [If this position requires ≥10% (on average) daily work rate of manual handling / physical exertion, a Task Analysis is then required to be established by an Occupational Therapist [OT] for further assessment (please contact the OHS Team for further information).]
- ☐ This position requires a vision test
- ☐ This position requires a hearing test

Note: To determine % of manual handling / physical exertion on average per working day.

7.6 hour day = 456 minutes. 10% of 456 minutes = 45.6 minutes per day.

8.00 hour day = 480 minutes. 10% of 480 minutes = 48.0 minutes per day.

8.44 hour day = 506 minutes. 10% of 506 minutes = 50.6 minutes per day.

Physical Requirements	Task detail	Frequency (% of the working day)			
		Rare/ Never <10%	Occasional 11 – 33%	Frequent 34 – 66%	Constant >66%
Mobility/Postures					
Sitting – stay in a seated position		☐	☐	☐	☒
Standing – standing in an upright position, moving less than 3 steps		☐	☐	☒	☐
Walking – In an upright position, moving more than 3 steps		☐	☐	☒	☐
Crawling – Move on the hands & knees or by dragging the body close to the ground		☒	☐	☐	☐
Non-manual handling					
Crouch/squat – To lower the body by bending forward from legs and spine, buttocks on or near the heels		☐	☒	☐	☐
Kneeling – To lower the body		☐	☒	☐	☐
Bending – To bend forward and down from the waist or the middle of the back, rounding the shoulders and back for more than 3 seconds		☐	☒	☐	☐
Reaching – Extending arms out in any direction		☒	☐	☐	☐
Twisting/trunk rotation – Rotating the body to one side or the other without moving the feet		☒	☐	☐	☐
Fine manipulation/pinch grip – Fingers are on one side of the object and thumb on the other, typically without the object touching the palm		☐	☒	☐	☐
Power/open hand grip – Using the whole hand to grasp an object, typically used to handle large or wide objects where the fingers are extended		☐	☒	☐	☐
Writing/typing		☐	☐	☐	☒
Climb ladders		☒	☐	☐	☐
Climb or descend stairs		☒	☐	☐	☐
Low level work – Performing manual handling actions at or near ground level		☒	☐	☐	☐
Manual Handling					
Lift/Carry/Hold – Raising or lowering an object from one level to another and holding/transporting the object using the hands, arms or on the shoulders		☒	☐	☐	☐
Pushing/Pulling – Applying force to move something away or closer to one’s self, including static positions		☒	☐	☐	☐
Kilograms of force (kg.f) – Amount of force or effort required to perform a specific task or part of a task		☒	☐	☐	☐
Weight requirements – lift, carry, push, pull or hold					
1-5kg		☐	☒	☐	☐
5.1 – 10kg		☒	☐	☐	☐
10.1 – 15kg		☒	☐	☐	☐
15.1 – 20kg		☒	☐	☐	☐
Lift floor to hip		☐	☒	☐	☐
Lift waist to shoulder		☒	☐	☐	☐
Lift overhead		☒	☐	☐	☐
Pushing/pulling		☒	☐	☐	☐

Note: The intention of the position description is to provide an outline of scope and responsibilities, at a point in time. Please note, responsibilities may evolve in accordance with organisational needs.

Band descriptors *(as defined in Council's Enterprise Agreement)*

These descriptors help to classify the position:

Accountability and Extent of Authority

The position is directly held responsible for:

- Positions in this Band may manage resources and/or regulatory or specialist units and/or develop and interpret policy.
- In positions where the prime responsibility is for resource management, the freedom to act is governed by policies, objectives and/or budgets, with a regular reporting mechanism to ensure achievement of goals and objectives. Decisions and actions taken at this level may have a significant effect on the programs or projects being managed or on the public perception of the wider organisation.
- In positions where the prime responsibility is to provide specialist advice to or regulate clients, the freedom to act is subject to professional and regulatory review. The impact of decisions made or advice given may have a substantial impact on individual clients or classes of clients.
- In positions where the prime responsibility is in policy formulation, the work may be of an investigative, analytical or creative nature, with the freedom to act generally prescribed by a more senior position. The quality of the work of these positions can have a significant effect on the policies which are developed.
- All positions in this Band would have an input into policy development within their area of expertise and/or management.

Judgement and Decision-Making Skills

Judgement and decision making is within the following scope:

- These positions generally involve both problem solving and policy development. Methods, procedures and processes are less well defined and employees are expected to contribute to their development and adaptation. The work will typically require the identification and analysis of an unspecified range of options before a choice can be made. Employees at this level will identify and develop policy options in their own functional area for consideration and choice by their Manager or by Employer.

Specialist Knowledge and Skills

The position requires the following essential skills and knowledge:

- These positions require proficiency in the application of a theoretical or scientific discipline.
- An understanding is required of the long-term goals of the wider organisation and of its values and aspirations and of the legal and political context in which it operates.
- Knowledge of and familiarity with the principles and practices of budgeting and relevant accounting and financial procedures may be required.

Management & Interpersonal skills

The essential position requirements include:

- Positions in this Band typically involve the supervision of large numbers of employees or the supervision of tertiary qualified employees or employees with extensive experience.
- Management skills are required to achieve objectives and goals, taking account of organisational and external constraints and opportunities.
- Positions require the ability to persuade, convince or negotiate with clients, members of the public, other employees, tribunals and persons in other organisations in the pursuit and achievement of specific and set objectives. Employees at this level must be able to lead, motivate and develop other employees.

Verification & Approvals

I certify that the content of this Position Description accurately reflects the overall role and accountabilities of the position:

	Name	Signature	Date
Occupant			