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COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN COUNCILS - SURVEY REPORT

In January 2010, the Division of Local Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet issued a survey to all councils and council managed collaborative arrangements to update its database. The Division also sought to obtain councils' views on factors supporting collaborative arrangements as a means of meeting community needs.

A report on the results of the survey is now available on the Division's website at www.dlg.nsw.gov.au. The report presents findings from more than 100 councils about the extent of local government collaborative arrangements across NSW and factors that underpin the effectiveness of these arrangements.

The survey results indicate that the majority of councils embrace collaborative arrangements as a way of building capacity in the sector. There is evidence of a stronger strategic approach to these arrangements, with councils reporting that the majority of these arrangements are underpinned by robust strategic and business planning.

Councils that have not submitted information or would like details amended or updated are requested to advise the Division via email to collaboration@dlg.nsw.gov.au. The Division intends updating this information periodically.

Councils that would like to comment on the findings of the report, or have suggestions on how collaboration between councils can be strengthened, are encouraged to email their suggestions to collaboration@dlg.nsw.gov.au.

The Division remains committed to encouraging increased collaboration between councils as a way of strengthening local government service delivery efficiency. The Division will be exploring with the Strategic Alliance Network Executive Committee further initiatives to enhance collaboration.

I would like to thank the councils that completed the survey and trust that you find the report useful in considering future opportunities for collaboration.



Ross Woodward
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