Key Principles in Council’s Submission on the Proposed Corridor for the South West Rail Link (SWRL) Extension – June 2014

- Maximise opportunities for economic growth and employment - for example, the corridor must connect the significant employment generating and region shaping potential of Sydney Science Park and the Penrith Health and Education Precinct (PHEP);
- Support the growth of Penrith as a Regional City - the corridor must provide a ‘Y Link’ where it intersects with the Main Western line to enable a direct connection to the Penrith Regional City Centre and surrounds;
- Accelerate the delivery of the corridor to the north of Bringelly to help stimulate economic growth and employment, particularly within the WSPGA and the PHEP;
- Effectively service the WSPGA by providing a station at Sydney Science Park, given its potential to be a significant catalyst for job creation;
- Extend the corridor to the North West rail line to connect the North West and South West Growth Centres to Penrith and the WSPGA, as well as extending the corridor south of Narellan to connect to the Main Southern line;
- Optimise the performance of the Main Western line, including accelerating the frequency and speed of services and synchronising services;
- Promote St Marys station as the key interchange between the Main Western line and the North West and South West rail lines;
- Minimise any potential adverse environmental, economic and social impacts, including any impacts on threatened species, populations or ecological communities on the Cumberland Plain;
- Design the corridor for future needs - for example, ensuring it is sufficiently wide to accommodate additional stations;
- Adopt a coordinated approach to governance and decision making across all levels of government in relation to all modes of transport across the region.

Additional Principles included in Addendum - following Council meeting in December 2014

- Penrith Council will not support any corridor that resumes or destroys residential properties in Orchard Hills or Claremont Meadows or goes through endangered Cumberland Plain Woodland.
- The State Government undertake a definitive and effective process of consultation on both the proposed corridor for the South West Rail Link extension and the proposed corridor for the Outer Sydney Orbital to the satisfaction of the community.