

ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY

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Adopted By:	Council
Review Due:	8 July 2024
Responsible Officer:	Manager Assets
Directorate:	Infrastructure and Sustainability
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure assets that are used to support services delivered by Council, are sustainable and continue to function at a level of service determined by Council, compliment and build upon the Council Plan and Long Term Financial Plan to provide a more formalised approach to integrate service planning and asset management.

APPLICATION AND SCOPE

This policy applies to physical assets, built or constructed to provide a service to the community and which require management by Council. Physical assets include land, buildings, plant and equipment, roads, bridges, footpaths, parks, sporting and leisure facilities, playgrounds and passive recreation areas, storm water drains and associated structures.

Council recognises that assets must be planned, provided, maintained and renewed so that they meet the Level of Service as set by Council.

As the owner and custodians of assets, Council is required to:

- Provide modern contemporary standards for management of Services and Assets including reference to International Standards ISO55000-Management Systems: Asset Management
- Create new assets that are fit for purpose
- Operate and maintain assets in a suitable manner
- Dispose and/or replace assets based on service requirements
- Comply with state and federal legislation

Such approach means developing and maintaining all the relevant data plans and programs.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The key provisions of this policy are:

- Integration of service levels and usage with asset investment
- Application of the “Renew before Upgrade or New” philosophy for asset related programs.
- All new or upgraded assets are required to have a portion of the project funded by a third party e.g. grant funding or other source funding, except where excluded under the Road Infrastructure Upgrade process below
- Ensure roles and responsibilities for asset and service management are well defined and understood with respect to ownership, control and reporting

- Provide guidance for informed decision-making by Council, staff and community
- Development of asset management plans to enable communication of information about assets and actions required to provide defined service levels within the best value for money
- Ensure that legal obligations are met, and
- Plan for the present and long-term sustainability of Council

ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

Identify: Roads will be considered for upgrade where:

1. A road safety issue is identified and / or,
2. It meets a higher Infrastructure Design Manual (IDM) Road Characteristic level

Prioritise by:

1. Approved heavy vehicle route, then
2. Road classification, then
3. Condition rating

Funding:

1. Where works are required for safety / IDM standards will be Council funded,
2. Where there are alternate funding sources, Council will fund with appropriate grant assistance as available,
3. Section 163, Local Government Act 1989 special charge where other sources are not available.

IMPLEMENTATION

Asset Management requires a whole of organisation approach to service planning to set the level of asset performance. The specific responsibilities are detailed in the Asset Management Responsibilities Matrix.

This Policy has linkages with:

- Council Plan
- Long Term Financial Plan
- Accounting for Assets Policy
- Asset Management Strategy
- Asset Management Plans
- Service and Asset Responsibility Matrix
- Service Plans

CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

It is considered that this policy is compatible with the relevant human rights identified in the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic)*.

GENDER EQUALITY COMPLIANCE

It is considered that this policy is compatible with the relevant gender equality principles identified in the Gender Equality Act 2020.

Is a Gender Impact Assessment required?

☐ Yes

☒ No

REVIEW

This Policy must be reviewed a minimum of every four years to coincide with new Council Plan objectives.

This Policy came into operation in March 2003 and has been updated on the following dates:

1st – 10 August 2005

2nd – May 2011

3rd – June 2015

4th - July 2017

5th – May 2019

6th - July 2020

This policy will be reviewed in line with the Policy and Procedures Manual Policy.

AUTHORISED

Adopted by Council at their Ordinary Meeting on 8 July 2020.

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