



Council Policy

Asset Management



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Policy scope

This policy is intended to:

- Ensure the management, renewal and upgrade of the City's assets is undertaken in an informed, structured and integrated way and which is in keeping with the City's strategic objectives.
- Ensure the City's Infrastructure assets are safe, accessible, well maintained and sustainable, and perform in a way that meets the needs and aspirations of the community and achieve the best possible value from activities.
- Allow the City to take a balanced approach when considering accepting gifted assets, when purchasing / building potential new assets, or when the City is proposing to invest in the renewal or upgrade of existing assets.

Policy statement

1. The City will produce a Corporate Asset Management Plan. This will be an overarching document that will provide suitable direction in relation to asset acquisition and disposal, and identify corporate priorities as they relate to the operation, maintenance and replacement of the City's assets.
2. Council, in adopting the annual budget and Long-Term Financial Plan, will give due consideration to the priorities identified in the City's Corporate Asset Management Plan.
3. The City will prepare Asset Management Plans for each Asset class (Buildings, Transport, Parks & Landscape, Drainage, and Fleet & Plant). The Asset Management Plans will provide long-term planning that outlines the asset activities and programmes for each asset class and resources applied to provide a defined Level of Service in the most cost-effective way.



4. The City's Asset Management Plans will be used to provide an objective basis for consideration of the annual budget allocated to renewal and maintenance of assets, and priorities within this budget and City work programmes. In addition to this, other considerations may be relevant in determination of asset renewal and maintenance priorities, namely;
 - a. Where there may be opportunities for that the City may be able to capitalise on (for example – improved design, cost savings, integration, grants etc.)
 - b. The level of community use of the asset,
 - c. The profile of the asset within the community and its impact on the City's reputation and standing
5. The City will consider the ongoing cost and resources impact of new and upgraded assets when undertaking initial planning and development projects.
6. In considering the potential acquisition and / or development of new assets above a value of \$10,000 (excluding art), Council will require that the following issues have been suitably addressed:
 - a. The asset whole of life costs and benefits.
 - b. That the asset appropriately fulfils (current and future) community needs.
 - c. That sufficient funding will be available for the future operation, maintenance and renewal of the new asset.
 - d. The impact on current and future rates and charges.
7. As part of the budget process the City will produce a prioritised listing of capital works projects. Priorities will be based on sustainability, risk, safety, legislation, strategic alignment and cost. This will be available for consideration as part of the annual budget process. In adopting the annual budget and Long-Term Financial Plan Council shall give due consideration to the priorities identified through this process.



Definitions and abbreviations

Asset - A physical resource controlled by the City of Fremantle as a result of construction, purchase or gifting and from which benefits are expected to flow to the entity. Assets include land, buildings, plant and equipment, roads, bridges, paths, parks, park infrastructure, art works, information technology, stormwater drains and associated structures with a life of greater than 12 months and enable services to be provided.

Asset Management - The systematic and coordinated activities and practices of the City of Fremantle to optimally and sustainably deliver on its objectives through the cost effective lifecycle management of assets.

Asset Management Plan – A long-term plan (usually 10-20 years or more for infrastructure assets) that outline the asset activities and programmes for each service area and resources applied to provide a defined Level of Service in the most cost effective way/

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