



CP 1.9 | Council Policy Framework

Objective

Developing, adopting and reviewing policy is a prime responsibility of the Council under Section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

This Policy Framework provides a structure and process for the initiation, development, adoption and review of the Council's policy documents ensuring policies:

- are developed in a consultative, comprehensive and consistent manner
- underpin and support Councils strategic objectives as articulated in the Community Plan
- provide a clear understanding of the Council and management responsibilities in policy development and review
- ensure consistency with and meet the compliance requirements of legislation.

Scope

This Policy applies to all Council Policies and does not apply to internal operational policies and procedures.

Policy statement

Council will:

- Establish policies that provide for effective governance of the City of Perth.
- Develop policies with due consideration of the Inquiry recommendations that apply to policies and have been accepted by the City.
- Develop and adopt policies that are consistent with legislation and regulatory requirements.
- Adopt policies that align with the City's strategic objectives.
- Undertake appropriate consultation and stakeholder engagement/community consultation when adopting or amending a policy.

Policy Workplan

1. Policy sets out an organisation's position and accepted role and assists in decision-making relating to a particular area of activity.
2. Council Policies (External/Public policies) are policies that are either required by legislation or impact on the Community in some way. Some of these policies require consultation with the community and may relate to the goods, services and activities provided to or by Council.
3. The following policy workplan outlines the City's review cycle for council policies:



Policy Workplan		
Document type	Description	Review cycle
Council Policies	Policies adopted by Council that do not relate specifically to the role of elected members	At least once every 3 years or as required by legislation
Elected Member related Council Policies	Policies adopted by Council that relate specifically to the role of elected members	Post-election (at least every 2 years) or as required by legislation
Planning Policies	Policies made under the <i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i>	As required by legislation.

This policy workplan does not prevent a policy from being reviewed earlier than required by the review cycle.

Document control

Policy context

Legislation, standards & external guidelines	Local Government Act 1995
Policies and procedures	All Council Policies
Strategies, plans and frameworks	Strategic Community Plan

Document custodian

Alliance	CEO Alliance	Service unit	Governance and Strategy
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Document management

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