

Aligned City Value/s	Approachable	Responsive	Transparent	Innovative
Responsible Directorate	Infrastructure			
Responsible Business Unit/s	Infrastructure Administration			
Responsible Officer	Infrastructure Sustainability Lead			
Affected Business Unit/s	All			

Objective

To enable long-term sustainability by integrating economic, social, environmental and governance considerations into decision-making at the City.

Scope

This Policy applies to decision-making across the City, including Council and administrative decisions that may affect long-term sustainability. It applies to decisions across service delivery, stewardship of built and natural assets, land use planning, regulation, investment, partnerships and procurement.

The Policy applies to Councillors, employees, contractors and service providers in undertaking their respective roles in decision-making and implementation.

This Policy does not direct or prescribe specific operational actions of the City.

Policy

The City recognises that sustainability is achieved through the way decisions are made across the organisation. This Policy supports consistent and integrated consideration of social, economic, environmental and governance factors in decision-making, aligning with the Strategic Community Plan and the City's statutory responsibilities.

In performing its general functions under the *Local Government Act 1995*, Council acknowledges the sustainability considerations set out in section 3.1(1A)(a):

3.1. General Function

(1) The general function of a local government is to provide for the good government of persons in its district.

(1A) Without limiting subsection (1), the general function of a local government must be performed having regard to the following-

(a) the need-

- (i) to promote the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the district; and*
- (ii) to plan for, and to plan for mitigating, risks associated with climate change; and*
- (iii) in making decisions, to consider potential long-term consequences and impacts on future generations;*

The Sustainability Principles guide how decision-making at the City has regard to these statutory considerations.

Sustainability Principles

Quadruple Bottom Line Lens	Sustainability Decision-Making Principle	Application in decision-making
Social	Decisions have regard to community wellbeing and long-term place outcomes	Consideration of how services, assets and places support community wellbeing and quality of life over time, including cumulative and intergenerational impacts.
Economic	Decisions support long-term financial sustainability and value	Looking beyond the short-term to consider the long-term health, viability and value of the City's finances, including the funding of enduring services, assets and places over time.
Environmental	Decisions support the long-term stewardship and functioning of the built and natural environment	Consideration of the stewardship, function and resilience of the built and natural environment, including their interactions and climate-related risks over time.
Governance	Decision-making is integrated and adaptive	Integration of social, economic, environmental and governance matters, including the management of trade-offs and uncertainty over time, to support adaptive decision-making.

Definitions

Adaptation (climate change) - implementing measures to reduce vulnerability and enhance resilience to climate-related hazards such as heat waves, reduced rainfall, extreme weather, and sea-level rise.

Climate change - Changes in climate conditions that are already being experienced by the City, including more frequent hot days, coastal impacts, extreme weather events and changes in rainfall patterns, which may affect services, assets, financial sustainability and community wellbeing over time.

Sustainability - The long-term viability of economic, social and environmental systems that support the wellbeing and functioning of the City, recognising that these dimensions are interrelated and are considered together in governance and decision-making.

Relevant management practices/documents

Strategic Community Plan
Asset Management Policy
Investments Policy
Procurement Policy
Community Garden Policy
City Trees Policy
Community Engagement Policy
Risk Management Policy
Verge Treatment Policy
Weed and Pest Management Policy
Environmentally Sustainable Design Management Practice

Legislation/local law requirements

Local Government Act 1995

Office use only			
Relevant delegations	Not applicable		
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