



Shire of Derby / West Kimberley

ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY

1. POLICY OBJECTIVE

Asset management practices impact directly on the core business of the organisation and appropriate asset management is required to achieve our strategic service delivery objectives. The Shire owns and uses over \$300 million of depreciable assets to support delivery of service to the community.

This policy is designed to ensure adequate provision is made for the long-term replacement of the Shire's major assets by:

1. Ensuring that the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley's services and infrastructure are provided in a sustainable manner, with the appropriate levels of service to residents, visitors and the environment.
2. Safeguarding the Shire's assets including physical assets and employees by implementing appropriate asset management strategies and appropriate financial resources for those assets.
3. Creating an environment where all employees take an integral part in overall management of the Shire's assets by creating and sustaining an asset management awareness throughout the organisation through training and development.
4. Meeting legislative requirements for asset management.
5. Ensuring resources and operational capabilities are identified and responsibility for asset management is allocated.
6. Demonstrating transparent and responsible asset management processes that align with demonstrated best practice.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

Council is committed to implementing a systematic asset management methodology in order to apply appropriate asset management best practices across all areas of the organisation. This includes ensuring that assets are planned, created, operated, maintained, renewed and disposed of in accordance with Council's priorities for service delivery.

A strategic approach to asset management will ensure that the Shire delivers the highest appropriate level of service through its assets. This will positively impact on:

- a) Members of the public and staff;
- b) The Shire's financial position
- c) The ability of the Shire to deliver the expected level of service and infrastructure;
- d) The political environment in which the Shire operates; and
- e) The legal liabilities of the Shire.

3. POLICY PRINCIPLES

A consistent Asset Management Strategy must exist for implementing systematic asset management and appropriate asset management best-practice throughout all areas of the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley.

All relevant legislative requirements together with political, social and economic environments are to be considered in asset management.



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Asset management principles will be integrated within existing planning and operational processes.

Asset management plans will be developed/maintained for major service/asset categories. The plans will be informed by community consultation and financial planning and reporting.

An inspection regime will be used as part of asset management to ensure agreed service levels are maintained and to identify asset renewal priorities.

Asset renewals required to meet agreed service levels and identified in adopted asset management plans and long-term financial plans will be fully funded in the annual budget estimates.

Service levels agreed through the budget process and defined in adopted asset management plans will be fully funded in the annual budget estimates.

Asset renewal plans will be prioritised and implemented progressively based on agreed service levels and the effectiveness of the current assets to provide that level of service.

Systematic and cyclic reviews will be applied to all asset classes and are to ensure that the assets are managed, valued and depreciated in accordance with appropriate best practice and applicable Australian Standards.

Future life cycle costs will be reported and considered in all decisions relating to new services and assets and upgrading of existing services and assets.

Future service levels will be determined in consultation with the community.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

Council is responsible for adopting the policy and ensuring that sufficient resources are applied to manage the assets.

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) has overall responsibility for developing an asset management strategy, plans and procedures and reporting on the status and effectiveness of asset management within the Shire.

The co-ordination of the asset management function within the Shire is primarily the responsibility of the CEO with direction from Council.

Training in asset and financial management will be provided for Council Members and relevant staff.



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