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1. Objectives

To set guidelines for implementing consistent asset management processes throughout The Flinders Ranges Council (the 'Council'), and

To ensure adequate provision is made for the long-term replacement of major assets by:

- Ensuring that Council's services and infrastructure are provided in a sustainable manner, with the appropriate levels of service to residents, visitors and the environment;
- Safeguarding Council assets including physical assets and employees by implementing appropriate asset management strategies and appropriate financial resources for those assets;
- Creating an environment where all Council employees take an integral part in overall management of Council assets by creating and sustaining asset management awareness throughout the Council;
- Meeting legislative requirements for asset management;
- Ensuring resources and operational capabilities are identified and responsibility for asset management is allocated; and
- Demonstrating transparent and responsible asset management processes that align with demonstrated best practice.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all Council activities.

3. Background

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

- Council owns and uses its non-current assets to support its core business of delivery of service to the community;
- Asset management practices impact directly on the core business of Council and appropriate asset management is required to achieve our strategic service delivery objectives;
- Asset management relates directly to Council's Strategic Management Plan;
- A strategic approach to asset management will ensure that the Council delivers the highest appropriate level of service through its assets. This will provide positive impact on:
 - Members of the public and staff
 - Council's financial position
 - the ability of Council to deliver the expected level of service and infrastructure
 - the political environment in which Council operates and
 - the legal liabilities of Council.

4. Principles

- 4.1 A consistent Asset Management Strategy must exist for implementing systematic asset management and appropriate asset management best practice throughout all Departments of Council.
- 4.2 All relevant legislative requirements together with political, social and economic environments are to be taken into account in asset management.
- 4.3 Asset management principles will be integrated within existing planning and operational processes.



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- 4.4 An inspection regime will be used as part of asset management to ensure agreed service levels are maintained and to identify asset renewal priorities.
- 4.5 Asset renewals required to meet agreed service levels and identified in infrastructure and asset management plans and long-term financial plans will be fully funded in the annual budget estimates.
- 4.6 Service levels agreed through the budget process and defined in Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans will be fully funded in the annual budget estimates.
- 4.7 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.
- 4.8 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.
- 4.9 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.
- 4.10 Future service levels will be determined in consultation with the community.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chief Executive Officer is accountable for developing an asset management strategy, plans and procedures and reporting on the status and effectiveness of asset management within Council.

LEGISLATION

[Local Government Act 1999](#)

[Local Government \(Financial Management\) Regulations 2011](#)

REFERENCES

Council's Long Term Financial Plan, Budget & Annual Business Plan
Council's Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans
Council's Strategic Management Plan

REVIEW

To be reviewed within 12 months after a General Election, in line with legislation and any legislative changes or by resolution of Council.

Adopted by Council 14 August 2012
Resolution 164/2012

Review Date	Version Number	Change	Resolution
13 August 2013	1	Nil	180/2013
15 March 2016	2	Update review clause, update AASB standards	102/2016
19 October 2021	3	Minor formatting amendments	246/2021
17 October 2023	4	Minor review	283/2023