

Policy P692 Sustainability Policy

Responsible Business Unit/s	Governance
Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer
Affected Business Unit/s	All business units

Policy Objectives

The City of South Perth is a progressive local government with a primary objective to deliver quality services for the wellbeing of its community and employees now and into the future. This also extends to assisting and facilitating the South Perth community in making more sustainable choices.

The City has recognised that actively pursuing sustainability leads to enhancing the quality of life and the prosperity of the community. This is achieved through a process of careful planning and decision-making that aims to prevent any harmful local and global effects of its actions.

The City’s Strategic Community Plan (2015 - 2025) reflects the commitment to sustainability, which is identified in the City’s Sustainability Strategy 2012-2015, as a need to develop a strategic and operational direction for sustainability and guide future sustainable development by the City and community.

The City’s Sustainability Strategy defines sustainability as:

Enhancing the quality of life and prosperity of the community, and preventing the harmful local and global effects of its action through careful planning and decision making.

The City has adopted the following parameters (that are an extension of Triple Bottom Line (TBL) considerations):

- Planning framework - Town Plan Scheme (TPS6) and Metropolitan Region Scheme requirements, opportunities and constraints;
- Financial capacity - Strategic Financial Plan and the constraints and opportunities of Annual Budgets;
- Social equity - Communication and consultation with the community;
- Economic viability - Local business economy/viability and macro economic influences on the City/business/residents;
- Environmental integrity - Protection and enhancement of biological diversity and maintaining ecological processes and life support systems.

Policy Scope

This policy is relevant to all City officers and the wider community to ensure that the City is sustainable for the future in every way.

Policy Statement

To achieve a sustainable community and bring the City's operations in line with the sustainability requirements outlined in the City's Sustainability Strategy, the City will adopt practices that:

- Ensure that as a minimum, the City will comply with all relevant statutory obligations and in addition, the City will comply with the requirements of other initiatives to which it voluntarily subscribes, and through its terms of engagement will seek compliance by its contractors and suppliers.
- Review and set objectives and targets each year that reflect the City's significant activities and stakeholder interests, and resource and implement an integrated Business Management system to achieve these.
- Develop an Action Plan that adequately reflects the economic, environmental and social goals of the City.
- Adopt working practices that minimise and monitor the effects that the City has on the environment and community.
- Educate and train staff about the sustainability objectives, targets, actions and procedures as applicable to their work, and through communications and terms of engagement, promote awareness and commitment from contractors and suppliers.
- Routinely monitor performance and promote continuous improvement through systematic management of City activities.
- Report publicly on an annual basis, the key characteristics of sustainability performance.
- Communicate this policy to all internal and interested external parties and make it available to the public through the City's website.
- Regularly review and update this policy.

Legislation/ Local Law Requirements

Not Applicable

Other Relevant Policies/Key Documents

P103: Communication and Consultation

P202: Energy Conservation

P208: Ecologically Sustainable Building Design

City of South Perth Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027

City of South Perth Sustainability Strategy 2012-2015

City of South Perth Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework