



## Requests for New or Capital Upgrades to Existing Community ~~Buildings~~ Venues Policy City Policy

### Responsible Directorate: Corporate Services

**Objective:** To provide a coordinated approach to the assessment and approval of requests for new or capital upgrades to existing community ~~buildings~~ venues.

#### 1. Application:

This Policy applies to all City-owned or managed ~~sport and recreation facilities, clubrooms, community centres and~~ community ~~halls~~ venues.

#### 2. Definitions:

**“capital upgrades”** means extensions or upgrades to existing assets to cater for growth or increased levels of service.

**“community ~~buildings~~ venues”** means any City-owned or ~~-managed~~ ~~sport and recreation facilities, clubrooms, community centres and community halls~~ building, park or beach.

#### 3. Statement:

In alignment with current asset management practices, it is the City's position that the development and upgrade of community ~~buildings~~ venues should seek to achieve the following:

- a. ~~V~~ Value for money.;
- b. ~~I~~ Improved functionality.;
- c. ~~S~~ Sustainable utilisation levels.;
- d. ~~P~~ Provide “fit-for-purpose” use.;
- e. ~~M~~ Meet current compliance standards.;
- f. ~~M~~ Meet the City's standard asset hierarchy provision and any relevant, minimum design and specification requirements.;
- g. ~~P~~ Promote the principles of master planning endorsed by Council. ~~and~~

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a-h. ~~Minimise~~ impacts from activities ~~held in the buildings~~ that may adversely affect local residents.

#### 4. Details:

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##### 4.1. Proposal Categories:

a. Proposals for the construction of new community ~~buildings-venues~~ or capital upgrades to existing ~~facilities buildingsvenues~~ generally fall into one of four categories:

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i-a. Proposals for facility~~ies~~ works where the City provides all funding.

ii-b. Proposals for works where ~~community-based~~ organisations seek external funding (e.g. grants) which require ~~Council-City~~ support and / or contributions.

iii-c. Proposals for works where ~~community-based~~ organisations self-fund a portion of the works and seek ~~Council-City~~ contributions for the remaining cost of the project.

iv-d. Proposals for works where ~~community-based groups-organisations or lessees~~ self-fund the whole development.

##### 4.1.1-4.2. Needs Assessment:

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Any ~~building~~ proposals within the City, whether they are for new buildings or for capital upgrades, must demonstrate an alignment with the City's strategic objectives and planning priorities if they are to be supported.

A formal assessment ~~procedure will be used will be made~~ to identify the need for the proposal ~~at the direction of the Chief Executive Officer. The procedure~~ This will address, but will not be limited to:

- a. real and projected needs for the proposal;
- b. community benefits and impacts;
- c. alignment with City planning documents and master~~\_plan~~ing principles;
- d. financial impacts;
- e. sustainability issues; and
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Minimum standards will be set for City-managed ~~facilities-venues~~ with regard to site design and finishes ~~as determined by the City. in accordance with the City's Building Asset Management Plan 2010-2030.~~ Any requirements over and above these standards are the responsibility of the organisation/~~group~~ hiring the facility to provide.

##### 4.1.2-4.3. Categories 1, 2 and 3 — Application Requirements (for external funding or City support and / or contribution):

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~~Community-O~~rganisations seeking ~~Council~~ external funding or ~~Council-City~~ support and / or contributions for new ~~community~~-buildings or capital upgrades to existing community ~~buildings-venues~~ are required to:

•a. meet eligibility criteria set by the City and /or funding agencies; and

•b. submit an application form ~~with a needs analysis and building demonstrating the need and alignment to the City's strategic objectives and planning priorities~~ for assessment by the City.

All proposals will be assessed on the criteria outlined in clause ~~4.1.14.2~~ of this Policy. ~~and must be completed to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.~~

Supported applications must be approved by Council. ~~A decision to list such an application as a priority will not be reconsidered during the financial year in which the application was made.~~

#### ~~4.1.2.1. Support for External Funding Applications:~~

Where the City has supported external applications for funding and has committed to providing a portion of the funds, but the application is unsuccessful, the proposal may proceed if the applying body contributes all the remaining funds.

#### ~~4.1.3.4.4. Category 4—Requirements (for Self-Funded Upgrades):~~

~~Local community~~ Organisations may make ~~an~~ applications to the City to self-fund an upgrade to a City ~~facility~~venue (for a portion of the works or the whole development) through the ~~Club Funded Upgrade (CFU) process~~. The application to the City must include the following:

- Application form.
- Project budget.
- Compliance with all legislative requirements.
- Plans for the works.
- ~~Demonstrated~~ Capacity to ~~complete-fund the~~ works.

The City will not guarantee that approval will be granted ~~to requests for community organisations self-funded upgrades. All proposals will be assessed on the criteria outlined in clause 4.1.14.2 of this Policy.~~ In considering the application the City will ~~consider~~take into account the following ~~such issues~~:

• ~~Impact of facilities and associated user groups.~~

•a. The proposed works and long-term impact on the life of the property.

•b. Impact on ~~other venue user groups and the~~ local community.

•c. Ability of ~~the community~~ organisations to ~~complete-fund~~ the works.

•d. Ongoing maintenance of proposed upgrade.

• ~~If the application is supported and the works are of a structural nature, the project will be managed and constructed / installed by the City in line with standard specifications.~~

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#### 4.1.3.1. Alterations to Leased Premises:

~~Where alterations are proposed to any facility owned by the City that is leased externally, the request will be dealt in accordance with individual lease agreements and relevant approval processes.~~

#### 4.1.4.4.5. Loans and Guarantees:

In recognition of the risks associated with the provision of self-supporting loans or guarantees, the City will not enter into any such agreements with any clubs community organisations or external organisations.

#### Creation ~~d~~Date:

October 2005 ~~(CJ206-10/05)~~

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- ~~Community Facilities Built Policy~~
- ~~Conditions of Hire Child Protection Policy~~
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#### Amendments:

CJ260-11/12

#### Related

#### dDocumentation:

- ~~Access to Premises Standards 2010~~
- ~~Building Asset Management Plan 2010–2030~~
- ~~Building Code of Australia~~
- ~~Community Facilities Assessment Process~~

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